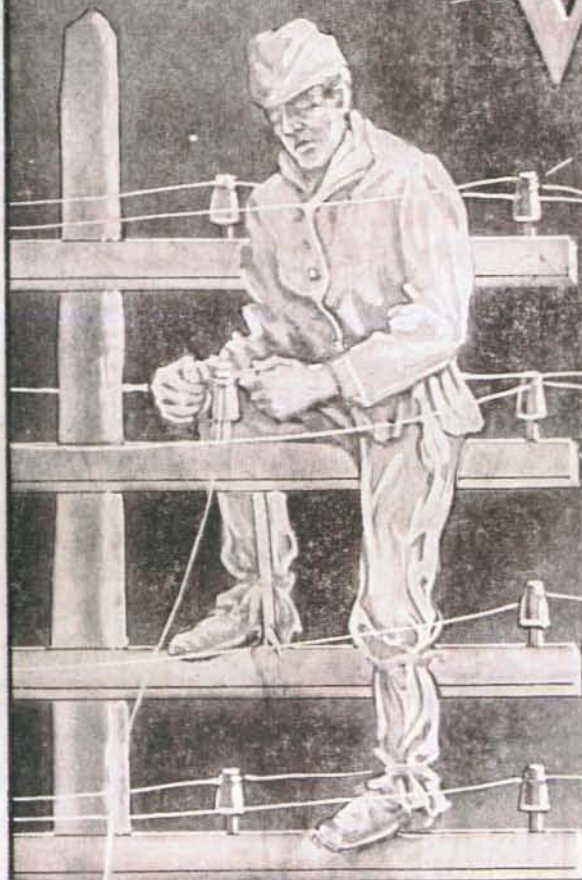


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## Grand President's Report.

Mr. Editor:

If I remember correctly, my last report was from Columbus, O. Well, I am able to state affairs settled in that city. The strike is off. We have won a victory and are ready for congratulations. From Columbus I journeyed to Wheeling, W. Va. No. 142 is out to a man. A shorter work day and more of that which they earn is what's wanted in that neck of the woods. My impression is that it will be a fight to a finish in the old town on the Ohio. Everything looks favorable. I believe all the boys are working and the Tel. Co. is having a tough time of it unless scabs are more plentiful than I think. The time will come when even this stubborn company will be glad to acknowledge our existence. From Wheeling I went to Providence (not the Providence we hear about in Sunday School), the town down in R. I., to meet with the New England locals. I find conditions in that section on a par with other parts of the globe—plenty to do, but the wage is low and the hours are long. Does it not seem a little funny that with all the prosperity boasted of in this our glorious empire, the poor devil of a workingman gets little but his board and clothes? May be some of you can explain it. If you can, let's hear from you. Do you know any workingmen who have made millions on Wall st. this winter. I walked up that famous thoroughfare a few days ago. I saw men hustling about, in and out of banks and offices and was told some of them were millionaires. They did not appear like workingmen, yet they were undoubtedly pulling wires. I saw other men pulling wires; the other men pulled the wire by hand. They were electrical workers pulling wire at the rate of \$3.50 per day, about the price of a square

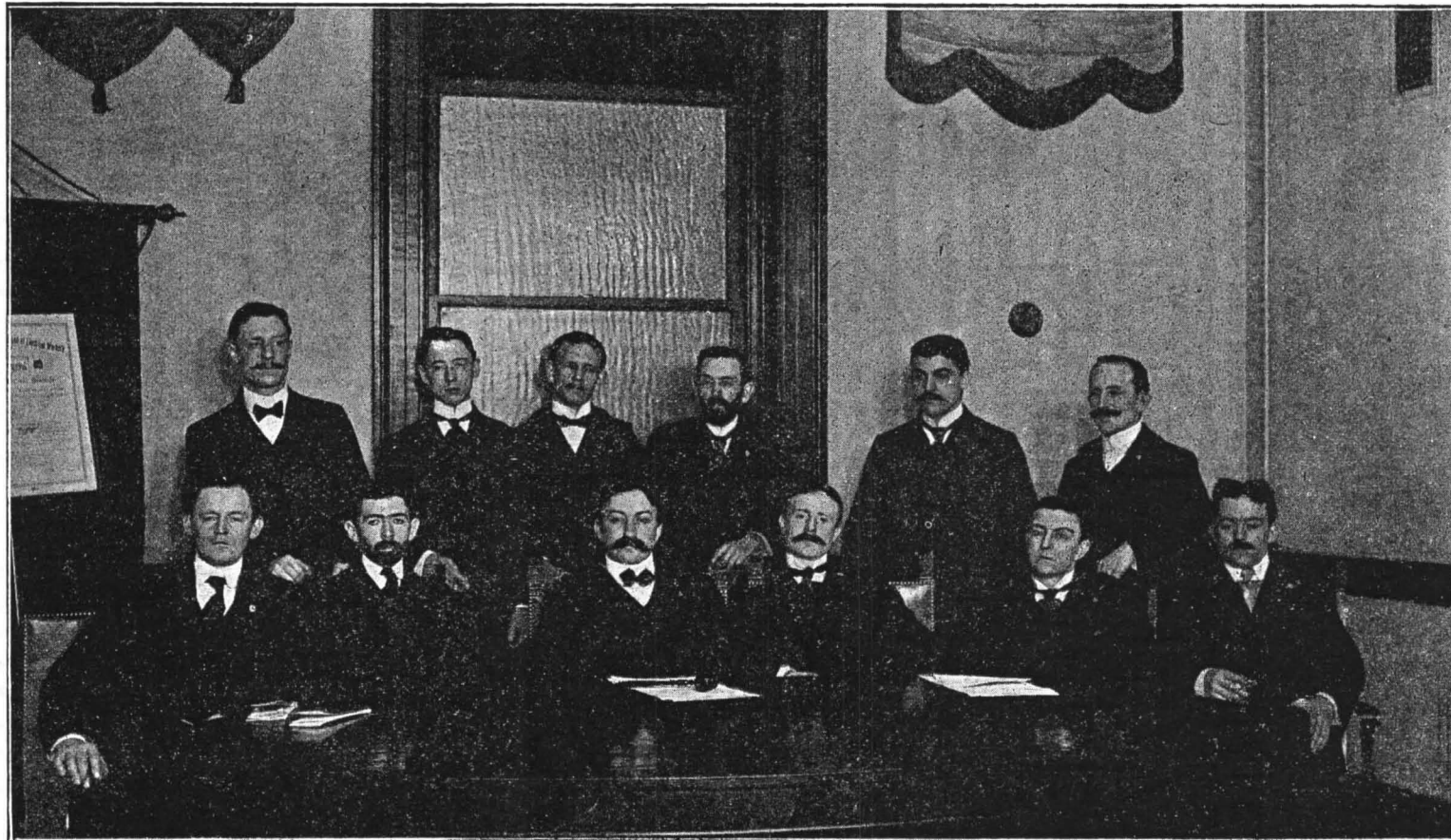
meal for millionaire wire pullers. These hand-pullers were pulling wire at \$3.50 per day in order that some Wall st. shark may send his voice over that same wire and make at the rate of \$3.50 or more per minute, and the chances are the \$3.50 per minute man never really earned \$3.50 in his whole life. Why is this thus, my brother?

The locals throughout New England are up to snuff, all right, all right; yet a fellow don't want to bite off more than he can masticate and digest with comfort. It's not good policy to bite off the nose to spite the face. They were considering the advisability of demanding an 8 hour day throughout New England. They know they are working too many hours, so does everyone who knows anything and is not prejudiced by a desire to gobble the earth; and yet I was compelled to advise them to go slow and caution them against demanding that which is theirs by every law, founded upon justice and equal rights. I advised them against making these demands as a whole. Why? Because there are too many men of our own class outside of us ever ready to accept any condition rather than make a simple sacrifice, which, if made in the spirit of unity, would put every man on a par with his neighbor and fellow citizen, financially, morally and intellectually. It is the people of our own class we are contending with, both men and women, yea and little children, what do you think of it?

What would you, brother worker, advise under the circumstances? No. 104, Boston, will undoubtedly make a fight. Let us support them in every way possible. The E. B. cannot sanction a strike at this time, but if No. 104 goes into the fight we will do all we can for them. In New York I conferred with Sixth Vice-President L.



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F. Spence. Bro. Spence will be the executive officer for New York and Philadelphia. From New York I went to Detroit. In the latter city I spent a few days, a slight difference regarding jurisdiction over different branches of the trade being the cause of my visit.

From Detroit back to Cleveland. My own local, No. 38, needed me, at least they said they did. No. 38 had demanded an increase from \$2.50 to \$2.80 per day of 8 hours; helpers 18¾ cents per hour, to go into effect May 1st. Well the whole situation can be summed up as follows: May 1st men demanded the above, etc.; May 1st demands refused, etc.; May 1st men refused to work, etc.; May 1st demands granted, etc.; May 1st men returned to work, etc.; May 1st strike declared off, etc.; and now everything is lovely and the goose hangs high. I will leave it for the press secretary to describe the affair in detail. Never within the history of our organization has work been so plentiful or as many men of our craft at work. Never was the opportunity better for the improvement of our conditions, but unless good judgment is used even in these prosperous times we can easily fail to accomplish our purpose. A slump from 10 to 8 hours and at the same time a jump from \$2.50 to \$3.00 per day is no more than we are entitled to, but it is more than we can reasonably expect to obtain at one swoop unless certain conditions prevail and these conditions must be such as to leave no doubt in the minds of thinking men. Study the conditions, know where you are at and don't go off half cocked, for we are more than liable to fail if we undertake to bite off more than we can chew. Conservatism is better than radicalism. First be sure of your ground before you jump and once sure of it, there is no trouble. Experience is a good schoolmaster, but it is expensive and it is better to profit by the example of others than to undertake to set or attempt to set the example ones self, unless one knows, and knows for a certainty, where he is at. Be ready to take advantage of every opportunity. Whenever you see a head, hit it. All is fair in love and war. Abide by the golden rule which says do others before they do you, and remember the Lord as a rule only helps

those who help themselves. At this writing I am at Utica, N. Y., to assist in forming a wiremen's local. Conditions here are far from good—too many hours in a work day, too little coming into the pockets of the workmen and not enough opportunity to study up and find out just what is wanting and how to obtain it after we have found it out. And yet Utica is a union town from top to bottom. There is no reason for the condition of our craft except neglect to take advantage of opportunities, but there is yet hope and encouragement in sight and all around. I believe the time is ripe for a revival in our midst in this fine old town. The material is here in plenty, good union men and true. Let them once strike their gait and you may look for things to hum around and about this little old town on the Erie and the Mohawk.

Fraternally,

THOS. WHEELER.

#### WIRING CALCULATIONS.

BY "ELECTRICIAN."

There is one thing which every man who has any connection with an electrical plant, or makes any claim to being an electrician, should be able to do, and that is, calculate intelligently the size of wire required for any purpose for any distance.

Tables are made whereby a man may find the size of wire required for a particular purpose, but why such a wire should be used or how the size is determined, he frequently has not the slightest conception.

The simplest way to acquire this knowledge will be to build up a rule which will always give us the size of wire, either directly by number, or in circular mills, as wires are always measured by this method, a circular mill being a circle one-thousandth of an inch in diameter. A circular mill is less in area than a square mill, being the largest circle it is possible to cut from a square mill.

Thus the square of the diameter in mills will give us the cross sectional area of a circular wire in circular mills or circular thousandths of an inch.

The simplest form of Ohm's law is,  $C = E \div R$ , that is, the current in amperes (C) is equal to the electro-motive force in

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volts (E) divided by the resistance in ohms (R). A slight transposition based on the foregoing will give us  $R=E \div C$ .

As has been previously stated, there will be some loss inevitably, in transmitting electrical energy over a wire, not in current, because amperes are never lost (every ampere that leaves the positive brush must come back to it again), but in volts, some of the potential being irretrievably used up in heating because we cannot obtain a perfect conductor. This loss in pressure, which is due to resistance, will correspond to a similar loss due to friction in water pipe.

The voltage with which we leave the upper brush of the dynamo will fall off as we proceed along the line, being cut down as the resistance increases. The resistance will increase of course directly with the length of the wire, and diminish with the cross section; that is, the longer the wire the greater the resistance, the greater the cross section the less the resistance. Then our total resistance on which to calculate the loss will be the resistance of one mill foot of copper wire; that is, the resistance of a wire one foot long and one circular mill in cross section, this being 10.6 ohms at 78 degrees Fahr., multiplied by the total number of feet, divided by the cross section in circular mills. Thus:  $R=10.6 \times D$  in feet  $\div$  CM.

When we speak of the voltage of a line we mean the difference of potential, measured in volts, between the positive and negative wires, through any resistance; that is, the total voltage which exists on the line, and is really the voltage that is lost between the positive brush and the negative brush.

Then the formula  $C=E \div R$  transposed gives us  $C \times R=E$  where E is the voltage on the line, and further the voltage which is lost being the total pressure utilized in a circuit from the starting point to the finishing point, for no matter what the voltage be when the current leaves the upper brush it practically falls to zero by the time it reaches the negative brush.

Now we have said that the total resistance of a line is equal to  $10.6 \times D$  in feet,  $\div$  CM. By Ohm's law,  $R$ , also  $=E \div C$ . Then if  $R$  equals these two equations, things which are equal to the same thing

are equal to each other, therefore  $E \div C=10.6 \times D$  in feet  $\div$  CM.

In all calculations of this description, the unknown quantity is the circular mills, the other three, electro-motive force, or volts lost (E), the current in amperes (C), and ten times the distance (D) always being known.

By simple ratio we can obtain this unknown quantity as soon as we decide upon E, which, of course, is utilized in heating the wire.

This loss must not be too great, otherwise we will get too small a percentage of the desired current through our circuit. On the other hand it must not be too small, as we may thus be obliged to use an excessively large wire. We can best determine this in ordinary work by experience. Lord Kelvin has laid down a rule, however, which holds good on large work. It is as follows: The correct loss for a line should be such that the cost of production equals the interest on the investment for copper.

Ten and six-tenths ohms being the resistance of one mill foot of copper wire, for convenience we double this and call it 21.2, which is the resistance of a circuit foot. We then have D, representing not the total circuit distance, but the distance one way from our source to the center of distribution. Our proposition will now stand:

$$E \text{ (volts lost)} : 21.2 \times D :: C \text{ (amperes)} : \text{CM.}$$

This reduced will equal  $21.2 \times D \times C = E$  lost  $=$  CM. By this formula we can readily determine the size of wire for almost any purpose.

Suppose we have 100 lamps (incandescent) of 16 candle power each, which we wish to deliver a distance of 300 feet from the dynamo, what size wire shall we use? An incandescent lamp requires 3.1 watts per candle, and a 16 candle lamp will therefore require  $3.1 \times 16$ , or about 50 watts (accurately 49.6). As the watts are the product of the voltage and amperage, the watts divided by the voltage will give us

$$\text{the current in amperes, } \frac{50}{100} \times \frac{1}{2} \text{ ampere for}$$

one lamp; 100 lamps will therefore require  $100 \times \frac{1}{2}$ , or 50 amperes. A 5 per cent. loss in voltage will be sufficient to allow for

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loss in this line; 5 per cent. of 100 volts is 5 volts, and our formula will now read,  $21.2 \times 300 \times 50 \div 5$  (volts lost) = 63,600 circular mills. By reference to a wiring table this will be found to correspond to a No. 2 Brown & Sharps' gauge wire. This gauge (B. & S.) is the one universally adopted in this country for measuring copper wire.

Iron wire is always sold by Birmingham wire gauge, which varies slightly from the above.

When the circular mills obtained do not correspond exactly with a certain size of wire, always use the next larger size, never the smaller.

If we have a hotel to wire and require 50 16-candle power lamps on the fourth floor, 60 on the third, 40 on the second and 100 on the first, and the top floor is 50 feet above the basement, and a dynamo which supplies current under a potential of 100 volts, occupies a place in the basement 200 feet from the point where our mains rise to supply the lights, what size wire shall we use?

Our center of distribution will be half way up the shaft carrying the mains, as about half our lights are below this point and half of them are above. Then our distance to center of distribution will be 200 feet across the basement and 25 feet up the shaft, making in all 225 feet. The total number of lamps is 250, and we previously found that each lamp requires  $\frac{1}{2}$  ampere, the current for the 250 lamps will be 125 amperes. The formula by which to obtain the necessary size of wire will now stand,  $21.2 \times 225 \div 125 \div 5 = 76,850$  circular mills, when we allow a loss of 5 per cent. in our line. By reference to a wiring table this will be found to correspond to a No. 1 B. & S. gauge.

While this formula will answer in all instances where we have a table of circular mills and corresponding wire sizes to refer to, it is obvious that a table which can easily be remembered and which will give us sizes of wires directly by gauge number, without references to even a circular mill table, would be of even greater convenience than the foregoing.

Such a table has been devised, and its decided advantages may be accurately demonstrated by practical work. The formula is as follows: Multiply the cur-

rent in amperes (C) by the distance in feet to center of distribution (D) and divide by the loss in per cent. (per cent. loss). Divide the voltage used on the line by 50. Divide the result of the first by the result of the second, and the quotient will be constant (K).

$$C \times D \div \% \text{ loss} \div \text{volts used} \div 50 = K.$$

The constant table is made up by remembering three sizes of wires and their corresponding constants, thus: No. 2, 1600; No. 3, 1300; No. 4, 1000.

Now, by mapping out the table with sizes running from No. 0000 to No. 18, and applying the constants for the three sizes given above, any other size can be found.

Knowing the constant for three sizes, we obtain the others by remembering that for every third size going up the constant doubles, and for every third size going down the constant halves; so knowing the constant for a No. 4 to be 1000, the third wire above is No. 1 and consequently will be 2000, continuing upward in the same manner. Knowing the constant for a No. 3 is 1300, the third wire below, a No. 6, will be 650.

B. & S. Gauge No.	Constant.
0000 . . . . .	5200
000 . . . . .	4000
00 . . . . .	3200
0 . . . . .	2600
1 . . . . .	2000
2 . . . . .	1600
3 . . . . .	1300
4 . . . . .	1000
5 . . . . .	800
6 . . . . .	650
7 . . . . .	500
8 . . . . .	400
9 . . . . .	325
10 . . . . .	250
11 . . . . .	200
12 . . . . .	160
13 . . . . .	125
14 . . . . .	100
15 . . . . .	80
16 . . . . .	60
17 . . . . .	50
18 . . . . .	40

A few hours' study and a half dozen examples worked by this rule will fix it well in the mind, so that it may be used without reference to any table whatever.

For instance suppose we have a five horse power motor and 60 16-candle lamps to deliver in a building 300 feet from our dynamo plant, allowing a loss of 4 per cent., and wish to determine the size of

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wire, providing the electro-motive force is 100 volts.

To find the current required for a five horse power motor we must first determine the watts, and as a motor consumes about 1000 watts per horse power in smaller machines, a five-horse will require about 5000 watts. Dividing the 5000 watts by our voltage we obtain 50 as the amperage. Our 60 16-candle power lamps will require 30 amperes, as we have previously found them to take  $\frac{1}{2}$  ampere each.

Our total current will now be 80 amperes, and the formula will stand:

$$\begin{array}{r} 80 \times 300 \\ \hline 4 \\ \hline 100 \\ \hline 50 \end{array} = 6000 \\ \hline = 3000 \text{ K.} \\ \hline = 2$$

A reference to the constant table just made up will show us that a No. 00 wire is required.

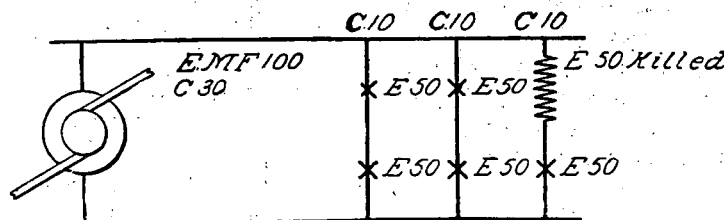
A very important feature of the table is this: Any constant in the table divided by eight will give us the pounds per 1000 feet of copper wire of the corresponding size, so with no book of reference whatever and no table except the one made up as above, which may be done on the spur of the cost of the wire to do a certain piece of work.

Take our last example: The constant for a .00 wire is 3200. (Be sure to take the true constant as given in the table, not the

course, vary somewhat, but the amount obtained by the above calculation will be found to correspond very nearly with the actual weight of double-braided and compounded weather-proof wire.

If we have a number of arc lamps to connect on an incandescent 100-volt circuit, the current required will be similar to that obtained from a multiple-series battery connection. As each arc lamp requires 10 amperes and but 50 volts, it will be necessary to connect two in series across the 100-volt line in order to utilize the entire pressure; for if we connect them singly in multiple, in the same manner as incandescent lamps, we would be obliged to kill the extra 50 volts, the difference between the 50 required and the 100 on the line, by a wasteful resistance, in order that only 50 would be applied directly to the lamp. It therefore requires no more energy to burn two arc lamps in series on a volt incandescent circuit, than to burn two we simply leave out the resistance.

By reference to sketch the proper arrangement of lamps and wiring will be seen. If we wish to deliver five arc lamps a distance of 800 feet from the dynamo, on a 100-volt circuit, it will require a current of 30 amperes. Notice that the voltage varies in passing through the series of two lamps, but not through the three-multiple circuits. The current, however, remains the same in passing through the series of two lamps, but varies directly with the number in



one obtained in calculation.) This constant divided by 8 gives us 400 pounds as the weight of 1000 feet of this wire, 40 pounds per 100 feet, and for 600 feet, which is the total length of our circuit, when the dynamo is 300 feet from the lamps, it will require 40x6, or 240 pounds. If copper is worth 15 cents per pound, the cost of wire for this line will be 240x.15=\$36.00.

With different kinds of insulation, the number of pounds per 1000 feet will, of

multiple. We could just as easily run six lamps as five, for the pressure necessary for the sixth is killed in the resistance coil.

If we allow a loss of 10 per cent. on the line our proposition stands as follows:

$$\begin{array}{r} 800 \times 30 \\ \hline 10 \\ \hline 100 \\ \hline 50 \end{array} = 2400 \\ \hline = 1200 \text{ K.} \\ \hline = 2$$



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This will indicate that a No. 3 wire will be required, the constant for this size being 1300. This divided by 8 gives us the weight as 162 pounds per 1000 feet, about 16 pounds per 100 feet; thus for 1600 feet we have  $16 \times 16 = 256$  pounds. This at 15 cents per pound will be  $256 \times .15 = \$38.40$ , as the actual cost of the wire.

In estimating the cost of a given piece of work, we must add to this the cost of transportation of material, screws, insulators, solder, tape and labor, with a reasonable margin for incidentals, a profit of about one-third above actual cost being usually included in general contract work.

—National Engineer.

#### RULES FOR THE "HELLO GIRL."

When you hire out to a telephone company, do it with the understanding that you are to have the exclusive right to talk to your best fellow at any old time he calls you up, regardless of the rights of the patrons of the line. Never mind them. They are a secondary consideration, and will soon get used to your honey drops, and will be perfectly willing to "Call again, please."

Always chew gum while on duty. It not only looks more business-like, but when you call "Number, please," it is so easy for the customer to understand what you are talking about. Besides, every old telephone girl chews big cuds of gum as well as the rag.

When a customer rings up, don't be in too big a hurry to respond to the call. All the girls who are on duty will call you a greeny, and you will have to hustle twice as hard and at no bigger salary than the girl who mechanically calls out "W-h-a-t-?" half a dozen times. You are liable to run into some lingering disease, and eventually die a horrible death in a telephone box. Take it easy. Another point to be considered is that the customer will keep himself in practice by the use of large and deliciously long adjectives, if you fail to answer immediately.

When you do finally decide to answer, don't take your gum from your mouth, roll it under your tongue and keep it there while congress is in session. Then ask, "Number, please?" Ask it six or eight times, no matter if you understand it the

first time it is called, and if the customer is a man, and wants to know what in Balack ails your ears, it is easy enough to wreak your vengeance by telling him the "line is busy."

Don't fail to say, "Nickle, please," whether the machine is one of that kind or a free shouting box. It is good for the company to get as many nickels as possible, you know. If the line is busy, say "Nickel, please," just the same before you tell the customer that someone else has the line. This will give you the chance to demand another when he has waited half an hour for the other party to finish talking.

When a person asks for a certain number it is well to occasionally connect him with somebody else. It gets the people acquainted with each other, and the formality of an introduction is done away with.

Always cut people off in the middle of a sentence, if you happen to feel like it, especially if it is someone they are particularly anxious to talk with.

Always listen to what people are talking about, your school days are, in all probability, over, and it is the only way you can increase your knowledge. Chip into the conversation occasionally, yourself. They will suspect it is central, and you can while away many an idle moment to profitable advantage.

When a customer calls for a number on the red, don't be too particular. Give him some other color once in a while. Everybody understands that telephone girls get color blind occasionally, and you won't be blamed a bit for the error.

If a customer fails to answer immediately when you ring up, just hold the button down on him for at least ten minutes, especially if it is at his residence, and the hour is about 5 A. M., and there is a crying baby in the house. It keeps the child amused and also takes the place of an alarm clock. Many of the laziest residents have an understanding with the telephone girl to jingle their bell at an early hour to awaken them.

Much more might be said on this interesting subject, but if the telephone girl who wishes to rise in the profession will follow these simple instructions, the people will rise up and call her blessed.

HARRY D. PARSONS.

San Diego, Cal.

## CANADIAN CONFERENCE.

Toronto, Can., April 28, 1901.

Conference called to order at Labor temple, Richmond street, at 2:40 P. M. by Pres. H. J. Hurd, welcoming delegates to Toronto on behalf of Local No. 114.

Delegates were present from Hamilton, London and Toronto.

Del. Hurd proposed Del. Mitchell take the chair. Del. Mitchell declined.

Moved by Del. Aljovin, seconded by Del. Wark that Del. Hurd take the chair. Carried.

Moved by Del. Hurd, seconded by Del. Mongeau, that Del. Mitchell be elected secretary of the conference. Del. Mitchell declined. The chairman then asked Bro. Reynolds, a member of Local 114, to act as secretary, so that it would not interfere with any of the discussions of the delegates, which was done to the satisfaction of all delegates present by Del. Reynolds.

## SUBJECTS DISCUSSED.

Discussion of conditions of the trade in Canada.

Consideration of ways and means for increasing membership, and holding present membership.

A discussion of the trouble about the Buffalo union's action in charging an additional examination fee. Delegates were unanimous in declaring that it was inconsistent for the E. B. to allow any local to build a fence around itself, just because they happened to have a little bit of work, and undoubtedly a few who put their heads together thinking that they could increase their treasury by a few paltry dollars, which in time will do more harm to the I. B. E. W. than all the strikes and lockouts that have ever taken place in the history of the order, and we hope to see Local 41, of Buffalo, made to disgorge every \$10 they have received in that way.

The color question was talked over for a short time, and a negro with a card need not apply in Canada.

That the secretary be instructed to write to the Executive Board demanding that a place be created on the Executive Board for a Canadian representative to be a resident of Canada. The object of the resolution is that there are three or four cities at the present time ready for organization. This

is the demand of all the Canadian locals represented by delegates at the conference. And we feel that it is justifiable that we should have such a representative on the Executive Board. Our object in doing this is for the better condition of the electrical workers throughout Canada. And in our opinion, a Canadian is better able to represent us on the Executive Board than a representative located elsewhere.

Moved by Del. Mongeau, seconded by Del. Mitchell, that the secretary be instructed to write to the locals at Ottawa, Quebec and Winnipeg, asking them whether they will be able to send a delegate individually to the coming convention, or if not, what amount would they be willing to donate toward the expense of sending delegates.

Moved by Del. Hurd, seconded by Del. Mongeau, that letter be sent to the Toronto, Hamilton, London, Winnipeg and Quebec Street Railway Men's Associations, asking if they have any electrical workers, such as wiremen, linemen, armature winders, etc.? If so, we will be pleased to communicate with them regarding the transfer of such members to locals of the I. B. E. W.

Moved by Del. Hurd, seconded by Del. Wark, that each local represented at this conference donate \$2 toward the expenses of the same.

Moved by Del. Wark, seconded by Del. Aljovin, that Del. Hurd be appointed secretary-treasurer of this conference. Carried.

Moved by Del. Hurd, seconded by Del. Aljovin, that the conference meet semi-annually, and that the next conference be held on the last Sunday in August, and that the secretary notify all locals in Canada to that effect. Carried.

Moved and seconded that a typewritten copy of the minutes of this conference be sent to all Canadian locals.

Moved by Del. Hurd, seconded by Del. Mitchell that this conference adjourn until August 25th, unless especially called. Carried.

H. J. HURD,  
Sec. Canadian Conference.

JAMES KENNY.

Information is wanted regarding James Kenny, machinist and electrician, brother

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of Patrick Kenny, formerly connected with the Gold and Stock Exchange, New York City, and the Western Union Telegraph Co. Was last heard of 27 years ago, when he was employed in Connecticut. It will be to his advantage. If dead, address any information regarding his heirs to Thos. J. Dooley, 96 Grand street, Albany, N. Y.

#### UNITY.

A man, when he joins a labor organization, usually does so with the intention of bettering his own condition in the first place, and the secondary consideration being the betterment of the particular trade with which he is affiliated, and, third, to better the condition of humanity in general. The man who follows the precepts of his union strictly, usually succeeds in accomplishing those purposes, but, on the other hand, if he joins for a selfish purpose—just to pay his dues, not help to build up the union—he is pretty sure to fail at some time in his career. A labor union is like unto a fine piece of mechanism—a watch, for instance. If the hair-spring breaks, your watch is useless until the damaged piece is repaired, and it is so with the labor union; we each have our part to play, and if we do it well we will succeed, but if one part of the union is composed of men who are workers and another part who are laggards we can accomplish no good. Perfect unity of purpose is the road to success.

Look at the labor union from a business standpoint. It is the brokerage house from which labor receives her hire, be it great or small, and therefore when you have once built up a union do not let it fall through negligence and internal dissension. If a man has an insurance policy he is sure to pay the premium when it becomes due, or he will suffer financial loss, but still there are members of labor organizations who will pay all other obligations promptly except their dues to the union, amounting to a few paltry cents. These men never think that it is the union to which they belong that makes it possible for them to carry life insurance and other safeguards to keep themselves and those dependent upon them from poverty. Each and every member should pay his dues

promptly and cheerfully assist the officers in upholding the union. A great many men think that the officers of a labor organization are the ones to build up the union; in a word, that they need no assistance from the rank and file, and in this they are grievously mistaken. When you elect officers give them all the help possible, attend meetings, and try to get every man that is outside the fold in. Kicking and villifying those in charge only tend to weaken your cause, and if persisted in will work the ruination of the entire union. One of the greatest evils that organized labor has to combat is those men who are within its ranks for a selfish purpose, and when they fail to accomplish their object go on the streets and into bar-rooms and tell the outside world that this or that union is no good. The union is all right, and they are all wrong. It is better to have a union with 100 good members than one with 500, and half them no good.

Unions must change with the times. A few years ago business enterprises were separated. Now they are merged into combinations and trusts, and the workers will have to come down to this plan sooner or later, and the sooner the better. If every national and international body of workingmen would enact some plan at their conventions for the emerging of some kind of an international board, the primary object of said board being to inquire into the justice of strikes, and if a strike was called, for every union man in the land to co-operate together, those capitalistic concerns which are always antagonizing labor would think twice before entering into such a battle.

"Penny wise and pound foolish" policy must cease in unions that expect to accomplish results. Money must be in the treasury to accomplish what the workingmen are striving for. Have enough to pay adequate strike benefits if called out on strike. Don't compel them to suffer unnecessarily, as many good union men are compelled to when out of work a couple of months.

Trusts have taught us that the crying need of labor is more compactness, so let us work with that ardor which it so richly deserves and build up one great compact body. Let each organized body be all for one and one for all, and thus we lighten our burdens to a great extent.—Amalgamated Journal.

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## FROM THE WANDERING WHISTLER.

San Diego, Cal., May 1, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

It has been my intention for some time past to write a letter to our most valuable journal pertaining to matters in this neck of the woods, thinking that it might be of some interest in general. I have been here now for the past seven months, where I came to regain, if possible, at least a portion of my former self in the way of health. As I stated in the October Worker, I had the misfortune on Feb. 14th, 1900, to have 286 inches of flesh burnt from my right side at Rusk, Texas, and after laying at death's door there for several months, I was sent to the University of Tennessee in Nashville, Tenn., where, through the very best of treatment, operations and care, I was partly skin grafted by having flesh cut from other people's bodies and put on me, and I was then sent to Chicago to celebrated specialists and, together with the kindness of Bro. Mike White, of Local No. 9, I was able to once more get about in a crippled condition. I went from there to St. Louis, where every kindness was also shown me by the good brothers of No. 3, as I stated in my former letters of thanks, and they, at the suggestion of my doctors, sent me out here in golden, sunny California. As the climate of San Francisco did not agree with me, I was sent by the good brothers of Local No. 6 here to San Diego, where I have since remained and have gradually picked up in general health until I am now able to resume, in a measure, work once more. In all probability I will never be able to do any more wood-walking as of yore, but I have succeeded in obtaining a position with the Sunset Tel. & Tel. Co. on inside work, such as I can do in my limited physical condition. All the brothers who were so good and kind to me I heartily and sincerely thank, and believe me when I say that if ever in life I can reciprocate in any way for your many kindnesses I will jump at the chance to do so.

There is no local here at the present writing, but I am working with untiring energy to form one and hope to succeed in the very near future; my only alternative in getting enough members to organize is to get the operators in line, and you will

probably have some conception as to what I am up against when I say each one has to be educated into a union way of thinking, working as they are for a close-fisted corporation. They are, of course, naturally afraid to venture into same, after being held, as they have been, under the firm thumb of a mean set of employers so long. The town only supports a few men in the business, and this company in particular is partial to breaking in small boys, but as the exchange is rapidly growing and we are to go underground in the next few months, which will necessitate men to do the work, I don't think I will have any trouble in placing a good charter here, which will stick, I know, when once placed.

We have among us at the present time several good, strong union men from Nos. 61, 60 and 72, namely, Bros. R. H. Sylvester (Big Indian), Don M. Strong (Little Indian), Frank M. Feltwell (Lead Pipe Frank), and Will D. Melear (Willie Spivins). The latter brother is our switch-board man here, and he, with Bro. Strong, have succeeded in captivating the hearts of many of the fair "plug jammers" with their striking personalities and winning ways, and judging from appearances they certainly believe in "Mormanism." Bro. Strong never misses an opportunity of dallying with the hearts of the fair maids, either in person or with his old reliable "test set." We have organized a hot-air corporation known as Spivins, Fuller & Co., and have wholesale and retail departments on the first floor (from the roof) of the telephone building, where I can safely say there are more lines strung and general construction work done, both inside and out, nightly than any average gang of good men could do in a year.

I think the prospects for work here this summer will be good for underground men, but at the present time there is very little doing. However, any brother with a good card who happens this way will certainly be accorded a welcome and can place his feet under the mahogany of Spivins, Fuller & Co.'s hash foundry regularly. I owe a debt of gratitude to many of the good brothers who are floating about and would be very glad, now that I am able, to write them personally. So,

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Bros. "Stormy" Ferguson, "Kid" Carver and the balance of you home guards, get a wiggle on yourselves and buy a postal card and let me know where you are. I have some news and a standing invitation for you, as well as all good brothers, to come and sojourn for awhile.

Now then, brothers, in conclusion let me ask you all to do a little considering before you censure our E. B. and grand officers. Remember they are doing things as they think best for the good of the order and have no object in doing otherwise, and if they don't we have a recourse through our convention.

The appearance of the Worker's new jacket seems to hit the boys about right around here, and I think if the slow-motion P. S.'s ginger themselves up a little and make it some underclothes it will be second to none in comparison with other trade journals. I congratulate you, Bro. Sherman, for the marked improvement you have made. To our Texas brothers and sisters I extend my heartfelt sympathy and admiration for the long and bitter fight that they have so nobly put up against the tyrant corporations to free themselves from the bitter bonds that have held them so long and to gain a just compensation and rightful recognition as being, to say the least, human. Consolation is a very poor thing to subsist on, I know, but nevertheless in extending it as I do I express the sincere sentiments of all with whom I have come in contact, and at our earliest possible convenience we will send something of a more substantial nature. The monthly pay wagon will soon be here and we will then try and send the wherewith that will at least buy a hard-boiled egg or a ham sandwich.

Again thanking Bros. R. P. Gale, Ben W. Smith, H. W. Sherman, Mike White, John J. Manson, B. F. Ferguson and all others who were so kind to me through my long sufferings, I am, with best wishes to one and all and for the continued success and welfare of our grand organization,

Fraternally and respectfully,  
HARRY D. PARSONS.

We extend our congratulations to the United Mine Workers on their settlement in the anthracite coal fields of Pennsylv-

nia. We rejoice in their present strength and activity and wish them every success in reaching a satisfactory settlement of such other disputes as must be pending in their broad jurisdiction of about 1,700 local unions and 200,000 members.

#### FROM DIXIE'S LAND.

Savannah, Ga., April 30, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

At this writing I am in the land of Dixie, where the mellow scent of the burr-head climber is wafted upon the gentle breeze. I am doing a rapid sprint over the country as general organizer of the A. F. of L. Covered about a thousand miles in a week, organized a couple of unions, one of which was the Electrical Workers of Charleston, S. C., and have been stirring a little northern agitation into the good old sleepy Southland. By the way, it is not so bad to be sleepy after all, as I have not seen any starving down here, while it is not uncommon in the north. It is the ideal home of the hobo, as anybody will give you something to eat, although the majority of the people are very poor, but they have hearts as big as an ox usually carries.

Visited the local in Columbia, S. C. Did not have a large attendance, but we had a nice sociable talk, although it was rather late when I got to the meeting, as I had to speak at the Textile Workers and the Carpenters before calling on No. 131.

At Charleston, when looking around for a brother, I found a number of ex-members of 92, who informed me that the union had died from non-payment of dues and poor attendance, also that at the surrender of their charter the few remaining members divided up the few pennies and adjourned to meet no more. Not wishing to see any open circuits like that, I dashed around and found seven good men and true who were willing to undertake the task of making a union town of Charleston, then temporarily organized them and sent for a charter. I guess they are now making a hot chase after the scalps of the unconverted of Charleston.

I go from here to Augusta, Macon and Atlanta, Ga., Montgomery, Mobile and Birmingham, Ala., then to New Orleans, La., then up the Mississippi and through



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Tennessee. Will call on the boys as I go through and if I can be of any use to them will certainly do so.

The A. F. of L. organizers have orders to pay most attention to the machinists till the 20th of May, as they are going to reach for a nine-hour day, and by present indications it will be a strong reach. About three-fourths of the men's employers have granted it and the rest will have to.

I find the country here intensely religious. The first thing I saw in Savannah was a flock of churches and, as I came on Sunday evening, every man I called on was out to church and had his family with him. So I went to a rum shop (you go in the side door here on Sunday), and got something to steady my nerves.

I am making a study of the color question down here from the standpoint of a union man and will have something to say in your next issue about it.

HOWARD H. CALDWELL,  
Local No. 21.

#### HINTS TO SUBSCRIBERS.

In the first place, when you have your 'phone connected, you must remember that you are the only party of any consideration on that ten-party line. Souse your 'phone early, often and all the time. Work your hook. That is what it is made for.

As soon as you take down your receiver, give your number; don't wait until she asks you "Number," but give it anyhow. When she does answer you, remind her kindly of the fact that you have told her forty times and have been waiting fifteen minutes. If she should tell you the line is out of order, try to persuade her that it isn't, for, hadn't you been talking on it this morning? Convince her she doesn't know anything about it, and you do.

In case you should see smoke escaping out of your next door neighbor's chimney, just run to the nearest 'phone and howl "Fire," at your highest pitched voice. Of course, Central will know where you are and all about it. In about fifteen minutes rush to the 'phone again and calmly announce "The fire is out."

After Central has repeated the number after you, hang your telephone up; go out and give the chickens some water; sit down on the back porch and eat an apple,

and then, if you see fit, come in and ask Central if she has "got them." Of course she has remembered all about it and will oblige you by asking, "Number, please?" If you should hear a voice asking "Waiting?" don't take the trouble to reply; it is only Central exercising her voice a little.

If you should become connected with "600," and be told that the party has no 'phone, slam the receiver into its hook. There is nothing she will enjoy quite as much, as her ear is one of the strongest organs of her anatomy. She can stand it, so slam ahead.

Always answer any bell that is rung on your line. No matter what it is, just answer. Then tell the man that Central made a mistake. Always leave your 'phone off the hook. It serves to relieve the monotony, and nine other people will enjoy having their line out of order.

If Central tells you the line is busy a second time, then begin to scold, for she has plenty of time to listen. She may have seven other parties waiting to give their numbers, but don't take that into consideration. You look out for "No. 1."

Let the children play with the telephone. There is nothing more soothing to Central's nerves than to have a child amuse himself by shouting at the top of his well-developed lungs, "Rubber." Call up the manager as often as possible with a kick; that is what he is there for, and it is so enervating also.

If the bell does ring for you, don't answer it the first time. But wait until she rings three or four times, then when she tells you the party has gone, tell her you got there just as soon as you could, and not a second sooner. Don't look a number up. The book is for ornament to the battery box. Always stand at arm's length and mutter under your breath. Then if Central should repeat the number wrong, get real close and tell her to take the wax out of her ears, and maybe she can hear you. If she happens to have a particularly sweet voice, mock her, it is so interesting. Always give your number first and color afterwards. Do not be too particular about the color. Just Red, Black, Green, Yellow, Blue or any old thing, or leave the color off altogether. She knows what you mean. Her specialty is mind reading at a long distance.

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If you take your 'phone down, and hear a conversation going on, listen to it; then work your hook, by way of change. And above all don't forget that Central is just a piece of machinery, and just as void of feeling and nerves as your hitching post.

And now, as a parting injunction, don't forget the three foremost and important rules. Scold Central; leave your 'phone down; and work your hook.

"HARRY" D. PARSONS.

San Diego, Cala.

**Expenses for April.**

Gas bill . . . . .	\$ 12
Postage . . . . .	14 65
E Barnes, paper . . . . .	1 25
Jas. Clancy, Org. 139, Elmira, N. Y. . . . .	9 00
J. W. Adyms, " 172, Newark, O. . . . .	15 00
J. F. Byrne, " 173, Ottumwa, Ia. . . . .	12 00
E. C. Yarbrough, Org. 123, Wil- mington, N. C. . . . .	10 00
Scrantom, W. & Co., office sup. . . . .	1 79
Death claim 127, Alex. McDonald . . . . .	100 00
" " 128, Jos. Lammontague . . . . .	100 00
" " 129, F. W. Coburn . . . . .	100 00
" " 130, Henry Conway . . . . .	100 00
R. R. Tripp, exp. Texas strike . . . . .	163 40
J. H. Maloney, bal. exp. to N. B. T. . . . .	
C. convention . . . . .	75 00
J. H. Maloney, exp. to Aurora and St. Louis . . . . .	76 20
L. F. Spence, exp. to New York . . . . .	10 00
F. J. Roth, exp. to Denver . . . . .	100 00
T. Wheeler, gen. exp. . . . .	180 05
F. C. Sprague, com. on ads. . . . .	68 33
W. G. Spinning, ptg. L. U. sup. . . . .	96 25
" " " E. W. & cuts . . . . .	519 75
" " " G. O. sup. . . . .	19 50
Mailing Worker . . . . .	21 21
J. J. Ernise, emb. buttons . . . . .	93 00
J. Swanton, cartage April . . . . .	1 50
Miss Schlegel, stenographer . . . . .	10 00
Wrapping Worker . . . . .	5 00
W. W. Powers, rent April . . . . .	12 50
H. W. Sherman . . . . .	100 00
M. E. Whiting . . . . .	20 00
M. K. Clinton . . . . .	40 00
J. R. Bourne, seals . . . . .	14 25
Exchange . . . . .	3 30
Express . . . . .	16 41
Telegrams . . . . .	7 53

\$2116.99

**Secretary's Report for April.**

No.	P.C.	Init.	Sup.	But.	Asst.	Total.
1	\$28.80	\$2.00				\$30.80
2	56.40	26.00		\$1.00		83.40
3	148.35	10.00				158.35
4	12.00				\$10.00	22.00
6	25.20	6.00	\$2.75			33.95
8	7.20					7.20
9	88.80	36.00		4.00	54.75	183.55
10	21.40	12 00				33.40
11	2.00					2.00
12	5.00					5 00
14	17.40	10.00	2.00			29.40
15			.50			.50
17	32.60	12.00				44 60
19	4.40					4.40
20	38.00	8.00	2.50			48.50
21	31.40	4.00				35 40
22	7.40	8.00				15.40
23	8.60	2.00				10.60
24			2.00			2.00
25	7.80	6.00	.25			14.05
26	28.00					28.00
27	49.00	10.00				59.00
28	14.40					14 40
30	20.60	34.00	1.00			55.60
32	6.80	2.00				8.80
33	12.60		.75			13.35
34	4.20	4.00				8.20
35	4.40	4.00				8.40
36	15 40	3.00				18.40
37	9.80		7.13			16.93
38	22.20	4.00				26.20
39	27.80	6.00		1.00		34 80
40	4.60		1.50			6.10
41	41 40	20.00	2.00			63.40
42	10 00					10.00
44	68.60	14.00				82.60
45	25.00	4.00				29.00
46			.75			.75
47	.60					.60
49	8.00	2.00				10.00
50	6.60	2.00				8.60
51	9.80	12.00	.35			22.15
53	1.40					1.40
54			1.00			1.00
55	13.40	2.00				15.40
56	14.00	6.00	1.50			21.50
57	33.40	8.00	4.25			45.65
61	14.20	8 00				22.20
62	6.60	20.00	5.00			31.60
63	1.60					1.60
64	12.00		5.00			17.00
65	27.80	14.00	1.00			42.80

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67	1.20	7.00			8.20	142	10.60	10.00			20.60
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71	2.80			1.50	4.30	147	5.80	4.00	.75		10.55
72	8.60				8.60	148	16.40	12.00	2.50		30.90
73	6.00	6.00	1.00		13.00	149	8.60	2.00			10.60
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84	16.60	8.00			24.60	163	8.40	40.00			48.40
85	2.40	4.00			6.40	164	1.40		6.75		8.15
86	11.60	4.00			15.60	165		21.00	1.50		22.50
87	10.20	4.00	.50		14.70	166		5.00	.50		5.50
89	10.40	4.00	.50	3.00	17.90	167			.75		.75
90	11.00		1.00	3.50	15.50	168			1.00		1.00
91	5.00	8.00	5.00	2.00	20.00	169			6.00		6.00
92		15.00			15.00	170	2.40	4.00			6.40
93	5.40				5.40	171	4.80	13.00	10.38		28.18
96	11.40	2.00	.50	1.00	14.90	172	4.00	20.00	2.00		26.00
98	143.80	8.00	1.50	2.00	155.30	173		5.00	9.95		14.95
99	6.00	4.00	1.00		11.00	174		11.00			11.00
100	8.40	6.00	2.10		16.50	176		7.00	10.00		17.00
101	5.60				5.60	178		7.00	5.00		12.00
102	16.20	2.00			18.20	199	6.60	2.00	.40		9.00
103	13.20	2.00	4.25		19.45						
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105	6.20		3.25		9.45						\$2854.26
106	15.00				15.00			Supplies not sold through L. U.			.50
108	7.00	8.00	2.50		17.50			Buttons " " " "			11.50
110	7.40	4.00			11.40			Dues from members of lapsed			
111	5.60			1.50	7.10			L. U's. . . . .			13.10
113			5.25	11.50	16.75			Adv. in E. W. . . . .			53.37
114	26.60	4.00	1.00	.25	31.85						\$2932.73
116	8.20	1.00	1.25		10.45			Respectfully submitted,			
118	8.80	6.00	.25		15.05			H. W. SHERMAN,			
119	2.00				2.00			Grand Sec.			
120	7.40	4.00			11.40						
123			.50		.50			FROM OUR NEW GRAND TREASURER.			
124	11.20				11.20			Hartford, May 8, 1901.			
125	12.80	10.00	1.00		23.80			Editor Electrical Worker:			
126	11.20	4.00	.50		15.70			In last month's Worker notice was given			
128	7.00	2.00			9.00			that I had been elected to fill the unex-			
129	4.00	2.00			6.00			pired term caused by the resignation of P.			
131	4.60	6.00			10.60			H. Wissinger, and in May issue I would			
133	16.60				16.60			submit report as grand treasurer of the			
134	4.20				4.20			amount of moneys on hand. I desire to			
135	2.80	3.00	1.00		6.80			state for publication that the time taken in			
136	12.20	10.00	2.00		24.20			perfecting the bond will in all probability			
138	6.40	6.00			12.40			delay the report. It would appear that the			

company furnishing the bond for \$10,000 want to know their man pretty well, and to that end only recently asked information of those whose names I sent in to vouch for my good name, etc. If satisfied when report reaches them, I do not think any further delay will be experienced.

Fraternally,

F. J. SHEEHAN.

#### MANUFACTURERS' INFORMATION BUREAU.

The Detroit World is authority for the following:

Considerable notoriety has recently been given a local detective agency, known as the Manufacturers' Information Bureau, whose offices are in the American Trust building in this city.

The agency has been before the public several times, but received some attention from the convention of the metal polishers held recently in Milwaukee.

The information concerning this bureau came from local union officials, who declare that the bureau makes thousands of dollars yearly. The following dispatch regarding the concern was received from Chicago by the World:

"Officials of labor organizations in Chicago say they discovered some time ago the existence of a detective agency by which manufacturers hoped to break up labor organizations, but that the employers who hoped to receive intelligence concerning the workings of unions from this source have fallen short of their expectations, as a majority of the detectives employed by the agency are bona fide members of labor organizations.

"According to the labor officials, the detective members or unions have only imparted information furnished them by their own officials; and all information that would have been of real value to them has not been forthcoming.

"Men obnoxious to the unions have been reported by the supposed detectives as radical labor agitators, and in many cases discharged on the strength of information furnished in this manner.

"The headquarters of the detective agency is at Cleveland. The names of the manufacturers in Chicago and other cities who have been patrons of the agency are in the possession of the labor officials, and they are perfectly familiar with the methods of what is known as the manufacturers' information bureau.

"The system is said to have a code, so that should books fall into the hands of uninitiated the secrets would not be re-

vealed. The detectives are known by initials and the manufacturers to whom information is sent are known by the names of flowers, etc."

### *In Memoriam.*

Resolutions adopted by Local Union No. 130, of New Orleans, La.;

Whereas, In the divine wisdom of the Ruler of the Universe, it has pleased Him to summon unto His presence the helpmeet of our esteemed friend and brother, P. D. Abbo, be it

Resolved, That Local 130, I. B. E. W., extends to him in his hour of desolation the heartfelt sympathy of the Brotherhood and recalls to his mind the words of our Savior through His apostle John, "Let not your heart be troubled. In My Father's house are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you."

GEO. W. KENDALL, JR.,

WM. FISHER,

J. KAMERER,

Committee.

Resolutions adopted by Local No. 11, of Waterbury, Conn., on the death of Bro. Wm. Cobb:

Whereas, God, in His unerring wisdom, has seen fit to remove from our midst our beloved friend and respected brother, Wm. Cobb, and

Whereas, In life he was possessed of a noble character, at all times upright and honest, and in consideration of the friendly feeling he at all times exercised toward the I. B. E. W., be it

Resolved, That we tender his afflicted wife and family our earnest sympathy in this their hour of sorrow and affliction; and be it further

Resolved, That our charter be draped for a period of thirty days, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this local and that a copy of same be forwarded to the family of our deceased brother; also be published in our official organ, the Electrical Worker.

M. F. GREANEY,

JOHN SWEENEY,

JOHN BYRNES,

Committee.



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**THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL.**

We have been compelled, on several occasions, to refuse to publish letters in our journal, and our refusal has perhaps offended some of our press secretaries. Some of them have taken it good naturedly. We cut out many things from some letters which we consider unfit for publication. We have endeavored to be fair in the matter as we play no favorites, all locals are the same. Personally we do not care how hard you come at us, we will try and protect ourselves, but don't let everybody know your family quarrels. If it was not for the reason that we know the Electrical Worker goes in outsiders' hands, my brothers, we would publish every line sent in. We concede the right of every member of this organization to find fault if things are wrong, but there is no use abusing the entire E. B. through a paper sent broadcast all over the United States and Canada. So if you fail to see your letter in the paper, when full of spleen, you can make up your mind it has gone into the wastebasket. And when the journal is used to cross-fire at each other it will be in another's hands, as we wish to have no connection with a paper that is unfit to go into the hands of every man and woman in the labor movement. We have done all in our power to make the paper a success and shall continue to do so until relieved by another, but will not publish anything of an abusive nature.

The editor, who is a member of the E. B., was somewhat amused at the letter from a press secretary who stated that the E. B. was wrong and that his local had the real proposition, which was to charge a brother one dollar. Now, in our humble opinion, if it is wrong to charge 25 dollars it is wrong to charge one dollar. If a job is worth one dollar in some cities, it may be worth 25 dollars in another. Some locals could not charge anything, for the simple reason that they have nothing to offer, and in this progressive age of ours it is pretty hard to get a man's money unless



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you deliver the goods. So, in conclusion, we again assert, if it is wrong to charge 25 dollars, it is wrong to charge one dollar.

#### **THE CLOSING DATE.**

We have repeatedly called the press secretaries' attention to the fact that the 10th of each month is the closing date. All communications must be in our hands by the 10th. Anything received after this date will not be published.

We reminded the brothers through last month's issue that telegrams sent to this office asking sanction to a strike are useless expenditures of money. If you wish your strike endorsed, follow the Constitution.

We are constantly in receipt of letters from financial secretaries complaining that some locals accept cards and never notify the local issuing it. We request all locals to notify the local issuing the card when it is deposited, so the F. S. can keep his books straight.

We have repeatedly called the attention of the financial secretaries to the fact that our accounts close the last day of each month. Any checks or moneys received the first of each month will be credited in the next month's Worker. We are not infallible, and will consider it a favor, if a mistake is made, to have our attention called to it; but would advise the F. S. to wait before sending in until he knows he is right.

#### **ATTENTION!**

We are in receipt of a circular from Rubber Workers' Union 8622, A. F. of L., of East Watertown, Mass., in reference to a strike on account of unfair conditions. They ask that the goods of the Hood Rubber Co. be let severely alone. These goods are marked on soles and heels "Hood Rubber Co." and "Old Colony Rubber Co."

#### **OUR ILLUSTRATION.**

On page 2 will be found a picture of the Executive Board of Local 98 of Philadelphia. The local's officers on the board are President Spence, V. P. L. Fowler, R. S. C. W. Elliott, Fin. Sec. W. J. Guscott, Treas. S. Meredith, Bus. Ag't C. S. An-

dres. T. M. Broadhurst is chairman of the board.

#### **THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.**

At each convention of the I. B. E. W. there are nine members elected who form what is known as the Executive Board, men from different parts of the country, thereby representing the territory covered by the E. B. The nine men elected are just like all other human beings and are just as liable to make mistakes as any other nine men. The present E. B. have had lots to contend with. Shortly after our last convention, locals all over the United States commenced to go on strike and as a rule would make a demand for money in a week's time. Oh, but my brothers, if we allow you strike benefits we will be breaking Section 6 of Article 17. Well, break it; we must have money. The E. B., not wishing to hinder the progress of any local, openly and knowingly violated this section and spent thousands of dollars, and, in a great many instances the money did lots of good, and I am sure the E. B. are perfectly satisfied that this section was violated. No one opposed this. No one found fault with this. In a short time after this negotiations were started to get several independent electrical organizations. When we approached the committee they of course asked what protection we could give them. If we strike, can you guarantee us to fulfill Section 12 of Article 17 and pay our men while on strike. No, we cannot promise this. Why? Because many of our locals refuse to pay assessments. Well, what inducement can you offer us to join your international body. You know in large cities we have trouble on all the time, and many of our men who are active in the movement have been compelled to walk the streets while strangers could come and get jobs. After consultation the E. B. consented to allow locals who could offer special inducements to charge an examination fee; the agreement was signed in good faith as it was the only redress the E. B. had to keep down dual organizations. Twelve months after these agreements were made a local takes it upon itself to send appeals to the other locals in the Brotherhood with the request that all

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votes be sent to them. We don't know just why they should be sent to them, as they have no way of knowing what locals are entitled to a vote. If the G. P. or G. S. had refused to put the appeal before the locals, it would have been different.

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**DON'T BE A DRONE.**

Most communications for this paper from P. S.'s read something like this: "We are doing well but the members will not attend the meetings. We have done everything in our power to have the members attend put with poor success."

We are very sorry the brothers are so indifferent to their own interests. The worst man to contend with next to the knocker is the indifferent fellow. He who floats through life as a chip floats on the water, always willing to accept conditions that others work hard for but not willing to put his shoulder to the wheel.

Let us look back a few years and see how much of an improvement we find in the Electrical Workers' condition over 20 years ago. A climber then received \$35 to \$40 and board in many cities. They are now working for from \$2.00 to \$2.25 per day. Is that much of a gain in 20 years? We rather think not, and why have their conditions not improved? Indifferent men have retarded the progress of the Electrical Workers. Will the conditions improve any without hard, earnest work? No; to better our conditions we must be a king bee in the hive of unionism, not an idle drone. So, my brothers, get in the whirl; keep working, keep agitating, and we can accomplish something in the long run. Don't go to the meeting hall, pay your dues and then sneak out and go to the nearest saloon, spending your time telling everybody what a good union man you are. Remember your fellow man has your measure. Hot air don't make union men. Remember the old adages, "If we could only see ourselves as others see us," and "not words, but actions tell." There is a certain duty for each of us to perform in the local. The first duty we owe is to attend our meetings and take part in the proceedings. If things are wrong make them right. If possibly you should be nominated for an office and be defeated, don't feel sore; some one must lose, some

one must win. Don't let defeat shake your interest in your local. The officers of any organization are powerless to make a success of the meetings without the undivided support of the members, and in order to get this support members must attend and take an interest in what's going on in the labor movement, not only in your own craft but in all organizations. If you have not been to your meeting for a long time, wake up out of the Rip Van Winkle sleep, and go up some night. Of course you will surprise the old standbys who never miss a meeting, but they will be glad to see you just the same.

Don't feel hurt if the members in the hall don't fall over each other to shake hands with you or pin bouquets on your coat, because you are doing nothing but your duty, something you should have done long ago, and remember, Mr. Drone, the majority of the members at the meeting wonder what you are up to it has been so long since they had the pleasure of a visit from you. Perhaps, they may think you have a pet scheme to get through; in short they want to know where you are at. So, Mr. Drone, walk out in the lime light, prove you are a good union man. If you are, it will not be necessary for you to tell any one about it; they will know it. There is a possibility in the near future, to put the I. B. E. W. where it belongs, among the leading labor organizations, but you can't help do it if you remain a drone. Shake off the shackles of habit and think the matter over, and determine to not be a drone.

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**THE G. P.'S STATEMENT.**

In the last issue of this paper appeared a denial from our G. P., stating that the circular letter sent out by Local No. 10 was untrue and misleading and that the brothers who signed their names were mistaken. In this issue will be found two statements from members of No. 10 reiterating their former statement. We allow these brothers space because the G. P. was allowed it, and it is not the purpose of the Editor to allow anyone special privileges, but we hope the controversy will cease, as there is nothing gained by cross-firing. We do not for a moment think the G. P. meant to accuse any of the brothers of perjury,

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but simply to say the brothers did not understand him. Here is a case of one saying "You did," and the other saying, "I did not," and there you are. Taking it for granted the G. P. did make the assertion, what bearing has it on the labor movement? This Brotherhood is not run by one man, and if perchance an executive officer should make a statement, we should not catch it as a trout does a fly; we should not be so eager to use it against him. Remember, brothers, a man can be misquoted; and let an executive officer make a statement and it seems to spread like wildfire. Let us learn to forgive and forget.

#### BOOZERS.

There are a number of what are known as booze fighters in every organization, and ours is no exception to the general rule. It is not our purpose to write an editorial on the evils of drink for the reason it is none of our business what you drink. In this matter each man stands on his own individuality. Some of our best members take a drink when they want it, but heaven deliver us from the boozers, the man who will sacrifice everything dear in life for booze; the fellow who thinks so much of booze he can't keep a paid-up card. He will strike a town, give you some hard-luck story as a reason for not having a card, and if you don't almost break your arm getting down into your pocket after the hard-earned long green to help him, just listen to his tale of woe, his talk of brotherly love as it should be and as it is. Perhaps there are many of us in the Brotherhood that can see it just as they do. That every brother should help a floater who strikes his town goes without saying, but we don't think they should be expected to help those who refuse to help themselves. There have been many instances where members have been defrauded by the boozers, and a burned child dreads the fire. We have mixed up with electrical workers for 25 years and know that they are always willing to help a fellow craftsman, but not willing to keep the boozers in booze. Some of us may be called grouches for not filling them up, but home and family come first ever time. Our advice to all locals is, paid-up cards. There is no excuse for men not having them. It is only a matter of a

few cents and men should not be encouraged who strike a city without them. They should save enough for dues and not spend it all for booze.

WE often receive letters from the F. S. of a local saying some of the brothers claim they do not receive the Worker, but they fail to give the brothers' names. In future, when making complaint, kindly give the names and addresses, then we can see if the brothers' names are on the mailing list. It is our desire that this journal reach every member, but try as hard as we will, we cannot reach them all, and we find there is no exception to this with other publishers. We ask the support of the members to perfect our mailing list. If you do not receive your Worker regularly don't fail to send us your name and address.

#### From "Old Crip."

Denton, Tex., May 5, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Well, brothers, the hot weather is making me feel pretty tough, so I won't be able to write much this time. I am sorry I cannot write saying the strike is won, but I hope such is the case. I have not learned anything from the striking brothers in Texas for some time, but the reports in April were very favorable. "Stay with 'em," boys, and you are sure to be successful. Since last letter have received several kind and cheerful letters from brothers in different localities. Also received the following for books:

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For all of which I am very thankful indeed. Bro. Harvey Burnett, of Local 18, many thanks for your kind wishes. Same to you, old boy. Also to Brother Mack of 87. I read your letter with much interest.

Well, brothers, I wanted to write a long letter this month, but I am suffering terribly to-day, so will have to wait till next month.

Most gratefully and fraternally,  
ROBERT G. WRIGHT.

## OUR LOCALS.

### Local Union No. 3.

New York, May 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

From time to time a member of some distant local comes to New York, and, as is generally the case, after they have been here from two to four weeks they present their traveling cards, and when we tell them our terms, according to the national agreement, they seem to think we are imposing a hardship on them, whereas if they would stop to think, they would see it was no more than just.

Now I will ask you to put yourself in the place of a man who has been a member of our local for the last ten years. In that time we have brought the hours from nine to eight for a day's work and the wages from \$2.50 per day for a journeyman to \$4.00 per day, for I am happy to state that although we lost our strike, we have managed to get two of the largest builders in this section to sign a contract for two years at \$4.00 per day, and half a holiday Saturday. In order to bring the trade up to its present standard, our men were forced to loose in wages alone for the period previously stated, the sum of \$642.

Now I would like to ask you if you had sacrificed this amount of money, not taking into consideration the hardships you and yours had to endure, for it is a well known fact that it costs just as much to live when you are idle, would you care to have a free field for every one to come into, and pick up the fruit you have labored so hard to shake down? If you are a thinking man you will readily say no, and this is the reason we charge an initiation fee as per national agreement.

Furthermore I would like to urge any member desirous of coming to New York to look up our agreement with the I. B. so you will know what is expected of you when you get here, and don't for a moment imagine we want anything that is not just.

Our motto is, "Do as you would have others do unto you."

Yours,

H. GRIEGER,

Press Sec.

### Local Union No. 4.

New Orleans, La., May 1, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Hello, Bro. Sherman. I am on the long distance line, and I hear a great deal of quarreling between different locals. What can be the matter? Can't you and our grand president call them to their senses? They should not forget their duty and the obligations they owe each other. The troubles of Locals 45 and 41, also Nos. 15 and 52, are not very good news to the electrical workers throughout the country. If a sample of good feeling will do them any good, send them down to N. O. and they will see the true brotherly feeling existing between Locals 4 and 130. What news is more pleasing to monopolies than the quarrels and disagreements of labor unions? I hope they will read this little note, consider it a piece of good advice and let it stop right there.

I will switch off on the New York line and hang up the receiver for to-night. Tomorrow I will call up the State of Texas and talk to them and let them know that Local 4 is giving them a kind thought. We have had an appeal for help from the locals in Texas. We willingly responded to the call and each member within the reach of our president, Mike Hoy, donated what they could for the noble cause. None escaped Bro. Hoy; they had to give something unless they were out of work. The members of Local 4 have always done what they could for the different locals in Texas. Since the strike we have sent \$10 to Waco, \$10 to Galveston and \$10 to Houston, and our second donation to Galveston has been received by this time, no doubt. Hope to hear from them through the Electrical Worker so that other locals will follow the good example. I must congratulate Bro. Duck, as he signs himself in the Electrical Worker, for his few verses, "Pro Rata, Pro Rata." Speaking of the Texas strike, there is no word that can describe our joy at your good staying qualities, for you are proving yourselves true blue. And the girls, God bless them, are proving themselves the true daughters of honest toil. Let all the Southwestern Tel. Co.'s in the world buck and kick against such noble-hearted girls as these and they will come out of the small end of the horn.

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I am sorry to state that Bro. Roberts has resigned as treasurer of our local. He deserves great credit and honor for the way he conducted the office. He has left for the east, and we wish him great success in all his undertaking.

I remain, respectfully,

TOM ASPINWALL, P. S.

### Local Union No. 6.

San Francisco, Cal., April 2, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Here I am again, brothers. Business in this line is rather dull at present, and a great many "floaters" are showing up; guess they are taking advantage of the low rate from the east, but am sorry to say it is rather hard for all our boys to keep at work steady. I would advise the boys to keep away from here for a time. We will ask for more money the 1st of July and, of course, it is taking quite a risk coming this way, as the towns are rather too far apart in the west, not like the eastern country beyond the "Big Muddy."

I wish to call the attention of Local No. 125, Portland, Ore., to the fact that they have had quite a bad actor in their local named John Sims, who came here, deposited his card and was properly introduced, as is the custom. He gave our Bro. Authy a "hard luck story," resulting in quite an effort being made to secure him work, which was done. He then gave him money and some clothing, also went his security in a boarding house. Notwithstanding all this kindness and brotherly love, the above-named "thing" left very suddenly for parts unknown when his month's pay was due, and he had received it. Bro. Authy does not mourn the loss of his money and clothing, but the shock he has received is quite enough to make most brothers shy of others who may head this way. Still we are happy, and don't expect to meet more than one such animal in a life time.

We are having some trouble with the water front unions. A firm on the water front has been doing electrical work on the transports for several years who will not pay union wages, and we cannot get their men into No. 6, although some of them are ex-members of our local. It is understood they are forming a water front federation

and are trying to keep our boys off the ships. The matter is before the Labor Council and Building Trades Council and will be settled pretty soon, I guess.

Bro. Woods hailed me the other day and asked if I would like to see a pretty swell barroom. Well, I guess I did; he is doing the work, and I can truthfully say that it is the finest saloon in the west, not barring Chicago either.

Bro. Boynton has not finished his "sky-scraper" yet. He expects to shoot fire-crackers in it the 4th of July. Bro. Irwin has been doing work at the Presidio, installing generators and motors. Bro. Conners reports good business in the "hello" line. Bros Sterling and Schulemann are at the same old trick, motors and meters. Bro. Schulemann seems to be quite a ladies' man, judging from the number of calls he has to the 'phone every night at 73. Bro. Neville still yearns for the ponies that won't come (in first). Bro. Authy took a flying trip to Ingleside and burned a few trying to see his pony win. He looked the wrong way on the track, as his choice was last, and imagined he was ahead and all running backwards. He has promised to be good now. Bro. Waters has located the "Rio." He took a trip in the airship and when over the spot he saw the vessel on the bottom of the bay, and consequently claims the \$1,000 reward. He has failed to prove it as yet, however. Bro. De Veconon is back at his old stand again, Keystone. "Hot Water" Tom is still with us, but very anxious to cool off his brain. He may get away this month. I wonder if Jack Smith can put ten men in nine rooms. Bro. Friandt has a busy time in Oakland chasing scabs off jobs over there. Our business agent was ordered to assist the walking delegate of Oakland to read the riot act to some of the contractors. Bro. Chester is quite a diplomat. He seems to get all that is coming to No. 6 in the Building Trades Council, and sometimes more. Your work is appreciated, old man; keep it up. Bro. Keathy was with us last week. He is quite busy just now. Bro. Coughlan is looking for a diving suit, also the "Rio." He is sure he can find her if he can get the suit. At present we are having a little trouble with the manager of the base ball club in the



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California League (one Harris). His team is boycotted. It is rather hard to keep the ball fans away from the game, but we must obey the law. Bros. Keatley and Shedd, take notice.

We are to have a smoker to morrow night, and to say that it will be enjoyed is drawing it mild. I will report result in next letter.

Hello, Texas! Oh, yes, we are watching you, and if our sympathy goes for anything you surely have it from every member of No. 6. As far as financial aid is concerned we are as liberal as any union, but as we have been assessed several times to aid the mill men in their strike, we are just getting a little money in the treasury again. We hope you can and will hold out, as it is one of the gamiest fights on record, and that when we read your next letter you will be on top.

The boys are proud of the Worker in its new suit and the color is about the proper caper, in my estimation, and I am sure a great many of the boys share my views.

I am still buying up electrical junk, as I was in my last letter. I don't know how all this will look in print, but imagine I have said enough for a green hand, so will open the switch and call it off for the present.

Oh, yes; say, No. 9, why don't your recording secretary answer communications from our recording secretary? Several letters have failed to receive any answer. Give us the reason, for it is necessary.

Begging your pardon again for all this bosh, Bro. Sherman,

Respectfully and fraternally,

J. A. R., Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 7.

Springfield, Mass., May 6, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

For the benefit of those members of the I. B. who do not know the aims and objects of the New England states conference: The first meeting was held in Boston, Mass., June 10, 1900. The main question at this meeting was an 8-hour work day for Massachusetts telephone men. On July 8th the conference was held in Worcester and it was voted to include all New England locals in the conference. It was also voted that an 8-hour day should be

agitated and tried for by all branches of the electrical business in New England. But before any request for 8 hours could be made general throughout New England, it was deemed advisable to become better and more thoroughly organized.

R. H. Bradford was elected organizer for the New England conference. He has organized a local in New Bedford, Mass., and one in Lowell (inside wiremen, I believe).

Local 104, of Boston, has been doing some hustling lately in the line of getting members, and has, according to their local papers and by the statement of some of their members, 95 per cent. of all electrical workers in Boston and vicinity, as members of 104 (outside men).

Worcester, New Haven and Springfield are doing fine in getting in members. The activity in the New England locals has been brought about by the conference meetings, which are held quarterly.

No. 104 has made a request for an 8-hour day at \$3.00, No. 7 has made the same request, using the same agreement as Boston. Said agreement was published in the April Worker.

The New England states conference has taken for their motto Article II, Sec. 1, of the Constitution of I. B., and if they stick to their motto, live up to it and try to make its meaning practicable, there is no reason why the conference should not become a great factor in the I. B.

At the meeting held in Springfield, Mass., it was a great pleasure to have with us our worthy grand president, Thos. Wheeler. The conference succeeded in getting him to visit some of the New England locals and a great deal of good was accomplished.

In January the meeting was held in New Haven, and officers elected. My impression is that New Haven will soon be a leading local in New England. They have some good workers there.

The April conference was held in Providence, R. I. G. P. Wheeler and G. T. Sheehan were present, and in their addresses clearly defined the requisite for the 8-hour question, "Become thoroughly organized;" which is sound doctrine.

The next meeting will be held in New Bedford, July 13th and 14th, and we hope

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there will be a large delegation with a full report of the condition of their respective locals.

Fraternally yours,  
D. B. AHGREEN.

**Local Union No. 10.**

Indianapolis, Ind., May 4, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker :

In the last edition of the Worker I see where our G. P. states that certain statements contained in a circular letter sent out to other locals by Local No. 10, signed and sworn to by Thos. Forbes, E. Fleming and Harry Kistner are untrue and without any foundation whatever. Now, Mr. Editor, it seems to me as if as learned a man as our G. P. should be a little more considerate and not so quick to publish denials of facts which he knows to be true, and incidentally deny others rights which he takes liberty to use himself, namely, the columns of our valuable Worker. I myself am not in the habit of jumping at conclusions so I don't care to be charged openly and above board with perjury; when I have no chance to get back, as I understand all letters must pass censure before being published. Hoping this will reach you in due time and that you will give it the same prominence you gave the G. P.'s denial, I am,

Yours fraternally,  
HARRY KISTNER.

Indianapolis, Ind., May 6, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

In the April issue of the Worker appeared a statement from G. P. Wheeler in which he denies the truth of the statements contained in the affidavit of Bros. Forbes, Kistner and Fleming, and sent to the different locals. I desire to say that the above named members of No. 10 are not in the habit of making affidavits on "hot air" and to accuse them of perjury is putting it rather strong, to say the least. In the first place, they were not sent to the locals by T. H. Forbes, but by Local Union No. 10. I hereby reiterate the statements contained in my affidavit and if three are not sufficient to convince the members of the truth of the statements contained therein, I can procure fifty if necessary. I ask that this be given the same prominence in the Worker as the denial of G. P. Wheeler.

THOS. H. FORBES.

**Local Union No. 11.**

Waterbury, Conn., May 5, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker :

The friends of Bro. Joseph Gaffney will be glad to learn that his injuries have not resulted as at first expected, though it will still be some time before he will be out again. Bro. Gaffney was hurt about a month ago by falling from a veranda to the sidewalk.

As we expect to have a shorter workday here soon, we expect all will be union men. There are not more than two or three on the outside, but their place is on the inside. I am glad to note the decided improvement in the condition of members' accounts since last month. We added two more members last month and have more coming. Hope it continues.

Hope our Boston brothers win their demand for a shorter day.

Building is at a standstill here, as the carpenters are out for a nine-hour day, full time, till Sept. 1st, and after that date eight hours a day, full time, and all union labor. The painters' strike is over, they having got the eight-hour day (the longest day anybody should work). Keep your eyes on the men who killed the eight-hour bill in this state. Perhaps you will have a chance to get even. Yours truly,

P. J. HORGAN,  
Press Sec.

**Local Union No. 13.**

El Paso, Texas, May 3, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Will write a few lines to let the brothers know how the "Unlucky Number" is getting along. We are doing very nicely and every one of the boys is at work. Everybody but the telephone boys is getting the state scale, and they are getting \$70 and \$75 for monthly men and \$3 per day for day men, but are working nine hours instead of eight. There has never been a time when we stood any show of winning a strike against the Telephone Co., but now that another company is going to build—well, just watch the "Unlucky Number." There is also big talk of an electric car line in the very near future.

This local is just beginning to get on its feet. There have been so few of us that we could scarcely make ends meet, but

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now, owing to our slowly increasing membership, and also our new by-laws, confidence is at last restored. We have an excellent set of by-laws and they are enforced to the letter. Every one of the boys has paid three months in advance and all carry a working card issued by the B. T. C. I think we have accomplished wonders, considering the length of time we have been organized. One year ago the companies were paying \$2.50 for ten hours and now they pay \$3 for eight. How is that? Can any other local show as good a record? Have only had one strike and that lasted nine days, but would have won sooner had the B. T. C. been on a business basis. We had a big newspaper controversy and it was pleasant to see how the committee came out on top every time.

There was one scab in town who refused to quit, although we offered him just as good a position if he would quit. He is said to have fallen on the sidewalk and hurt himself, but of course we don't know anything about it. That reminds me that every cheap excursion here has given us a stumbling block, for this so-called man came in during the carnival. The late lamented city electrician, one Peticolas, from somewhere or other, and who is now looking for an office, came in during the teachers' convention last June and was immediately appointed to the office. All organized labor fought him, but he got there just the same. The result was that every one of the gang was turned out. We were after him so constantly that it looked as if they were going to take pity on him and keep him, until we began to ask to see his books. Then he began to dig and the last week he turned in \$113.50, and the day he turned it in he got canned. Now wasn't that too bad? The office was abolished but the ordinance still stands.

Bro. George White is up at Alamagordo running their light plant, and "Shorty" Runtling is out in the wilds of Arizona running everything to suit himself.

Myers and Burke are still in Old Mexico. Bro. Drummond took out a big card lately and started toward the setting sun. I understand he got as far as he could walk, but when he came to the pond he gave it up. Treat him right, boys, for he is O. K. "Brocky" Brooks left for parts unknown

the other day. When you see him, ask him how he likes grape nuts.

Bro. Chas. Potter came to the conclusion that he had lived by himself long enough and was married last month. Everyone who knows Charley wishes him every success.

All the boys here believe in a strict enforcement of the constitution and believe all locals should send delegates to the next convention to elect officers who will enforce it.

Well, boys, if you haven't got a paid-up card you had better steer clear of El Paso, for we won't let you work a day.

Fraternally,

ED. CORY, P. S.

### Local Union No. 14.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 29, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

In the last issue of the Worker L. U. No. 30 gave one side of the story of two brothers dropping into Cincinnati and telling other brothers about the way one of No. 30's brothers got himself and us out of the way of his foreman. Brothers, the reason we were on the road was, we were not afraid of the foreman we work for and not afraid of our union principles. We are union men, carrying good cards out of L. U. No. 14, and when a floater hits Pittsburg, he is well taken care of. Don't take our word for it, but ask the men who have passed since L. U. No. 14 has been on its feet. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," is L. U. No. 14's motto.

Now, brothers, do you think it is a brother's place to tell you you need not stop as there isn't any work being done when there is? Besides roasting a fellow brother for writing to his brother-in-law to come as there was lots of work with the company he was working for. Is it right to fail to recognize a brother when he flags you? This was done in Cincinnati; also in Newport, Ky. We flagged one gang in Newport and every man in it had a card, but we were not recognized. Is that right? After we went to work and could pay our own way the glad hand was extended to us with a little tale of woe.

This is not intended for all members of L. U. No. 30. I found some good union

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men among them. Members that read this will know who the shoe fits.

I thank Kid Johnson and Wesley Burns for the kindness they showed two crippled linemen without cards.

W. L. THOMPSON.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 5, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I take the pleasure of writing a few lines to the Worker, to let the boys know that we are still in line, and doing good work for the I. B. E. W. We are having very good meetings now and are getting in a good many applications, which shows that our worthy business agent is a hustler from the word go! That's the stuff, Van; chase them up and bring them into the fold and we will do the rest.

I think it would be a good idea for our G. P. to give No. 14 a call, as well as our sister local, when he is in our city. We would make it pleasant for him and I think it would be good for the local. There is a large field here for the I. B. E. W. to work in, and I think that we should have the aid of our grand officers in making Pittsburg a good union city.

I wish to state for the benefit of traveling brothers, that there is plenty of work in and about Pittsburg, and any brother with a good paid-up card will have no trouble in getting work. Furthermore, any brother who is O. K. and traveling will always find a cordial welcome from Local 14.

We are now in our new hall, 404 Smithfield street, where we held our first meeting last Monday night. We had a very large crowd and a good time, as the boys were out for business and showed it in various ways. There was a nice farce comedy enacted entitled, butting, butting; who got the butting? Mr. Goat was the star, and the way he played his leading part would have made you laugh with glee. The brothers gave the new members the glad hand and made them feel right at home.

The members of Local 14 and traveling brothers have been doing some good work towards helping our worthy brothers in far away Texas. We have up to the present time raised \$37 and all the returns are not in yet.

As this is my first offense in doing any

thing like this, I hope that you, Mr. Editor and brothers, will overlook all errors.

Hoping that the brothers in Texas will succeed in their demands, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

W. J. B.

### Local Union No. 18.

Kansas City, Mo., May 3, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

No. 18 is having a hard time just now in getting the brothers to attend our meetings, so I will just give a little hint that the absent ones better close up their circuits and get in working order. Come along, boys, let's load No. 18 down for all she will stand; put in a No. 0 wire for a fuse and see if she will stand the pressure.

Work is slack here at present, but we hope it will pick up soon. We expect to have a lot of underground work this summer and the boys are all hoping it will start up soon.

Bro. J. O. Byers has gone to Leavenworth, Kas., to take charge of the electrical work on the new government building for an Omaha house. We all know that Bro. Byers is the right man in the right place.

I would like to add a word here for our worthy treasurer, Bro. Jones. Since Bro. Jones has taken hold our finances have increased a hundred per cent. That is the kind of man to have, one who is not afraid of work; and if things don't go right, to jump in and help to make them right, and not lay back and howl and let some one else do the work. Oh, for more like him! Bro. C. H. Adams, as president, is too well known to the Brotherhood for me to say anything about. Bro. Jackson, as financial secretary, is a hustler also. In fact, you can't beat any of our officers.

No. 128, why don't you have something to say for yourself? I would like to hear from you. Alton is my old home. I lost my feet there. Any of the old timers will tell you who I am. Bros. Rice and Burton, let us hear from you.

Brothers, are you never going to let up on that negro question? Let me give you a few facts, L. U. No. 71. We have a few negroes here in K. C., but not in our local, thank God. If the brother from No. 71 was here in Kansas City he would see why

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the press secretary of No. 18 is so bitterly opposed to the negro belonging to the Brotherhood. Not as long as there is breath in my body will I vote to admit him to membership in the I. B. E. W. I will tell you a few facts, Bro. Lejare, and hope it will do some good to the rest of the members at large. Sixty-five per cent. of the crimes committed here are done by the negro. We have here in Kansas City 3,500 voters, 3,300 of whom will sell their vote for from fifty cents to a dollar. Now, these are facts. I know what I am talking about. I have seen it done. So don't talk to us about the negro. We know him.

I see that some of the other locals have had trouble about conduit work. The gas-fitters started to try and get that work here, but they got badly left on it. They tried to do some combination fixture work. The result of it was just as soon as the juice was turned on away went three fixtures and out came the fire department. By all means let them do our work. The firemen will surely earn their money and the horses get all the needed exercise.

Bro. Fish, I enjoyed reading your letter. My boys, did you read of all the good things the Brotherhood had done for that Fish of St. Louis? If you did not you missed a treat. Let us have more on the same order, Bro. Fish.

Just look here, Bro. Wheeler. Why in thunder don't you come to Kansas City? We read of you all through the east, but never a visit to K. C. If you don't get a move on and get out this way you are going to hear from me.

Blaetterman, you don't mean to say there are scabs in St. Louis, do you? I thought we had all the scabs in the State of Missouri. The kind we have up here are worse than small-pox scabs. We have a scab here in K. C. that will beat anything anywhere. When he was a member of No. 18 he took it into his head to build a house. So the boys all chipped in to help him out. About two months after he had his house up we had some trouble here. Who should be the one to stay at work but this "thing," whom all the boys helped to build a home for. He is the peer of all scabs that I have ever heard of. Bro. Blaetterman, the scabs of St. Louis are not in it with this one.

Bro. Aspinwall, we have our weather eye out for Andrews. If he tries to light here we will land him good and hard. We have got a police judge that can say five hundred dollars and not blink an eyelash to that kind of a crook. So if he comes here we will get him.

I see that No. 24 is having a little trouble with the engineers. We know how that is. We tried to have an ordinance passed compelling all wiremen to pass an examination, but the engineers knocked it.

Boys, let up on the E. B. Give them a chance. What is the use of knocking all the time. Give your hammer a rest. October will soon be here. If the E. B. don't suit you go to St. Louis and try to get on the E. B. yourself. If you think you can do better than Wheeler and Sherman, the delegates to the convention might elect you to fill their places. Put that hammer in your tool box and lose the key.

Bro. Clarke, here's to you. Your sentiments and mine are the same in regard to the editor. So, Mr. Editor, throw out what you don't want of this letter and I will try and do better next time.

It is now time to ring off, so I will open the switch and put out the lights and go to bed.

Yours for the upbuilding of the I. B. E. W.,  
HARVEY BURNETT,  
Press Sec.

### Local Union No. 21.

Boston, Mass., May 7, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I am on a little vacation for one and all. I got some information in Philadelphia about men who were to take the places of strikers, so Bro. Dean and I got the inside track and came through with the train. Sixty-four men were listed to go from Philadelphia; twenty-seven started on the train and four got to Boston to go to work, and I got the others. Will leave Boston for Philadelphia this evening. I did what I thought was justice and hope I will not be reprimanded for coming away on short notice and forgetting my important letter, which I left in Philadelphia. There is a strike called in Camden on the E. T. Co. and Atlantic City, N. J., also, and a more determined superintendent to down organized labor never lived.

Resp'y yours, in haste, R.



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**Local Union No. 22.**

Omaha, Neb., May 5, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Last Tuesday evening, April 30th, I was duly appointed business agent for Local 162, linemen. I still act in the same capacity for Local 22, inside wiremen.

Conditions were never so bright for these two locals as at present. I am using every means within my power to make all electrical construction work in Omaha, South Omaha and Council Bluffs. We now have a good, strong Building Trades Council and all the different trades stick to the union electrical workers in fine shape. We have eight fair shops who employ only union men carrying a card from Locals 22 or 162.

I shall not try to write a long letter this time as I am more than busy. We have some brothers working here who just came from Texas. I shall be glad to have all electrical workers who may come this way look me up. You can find me at the Labor Temple, 17th and Douglas streets.

GEO. E. RUSSELL,

Press Sec.

**Local Union No. 23.**

St. Paul, Minn., May 1, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Hello, Central! Just connect me with the Worker, as the boys have not heard from 23 for so long I guess some of them think we are all dead. We will show you we are still among the living.

There is no work going on here at present, but things look favorable for a good summer though they are all slow in starting their work.

We turned the light on ten new members at a special meeting April 29th, and expect to turn it on a few volts higher next meeting night, as the wire fixers are coming to realize that in union there is strength, and before many moons we expect to have every electrical worker in St. Paul in Local 23.

A great many of our brothers are out of town. Bros. Hynes and L. L. Dutton left here last spring and are now with No. 77, of Seattle, Wash. Bro. Wm. Schumman took a civil service examination, standing 98 per cent., and has gone to Washington, D. C., to work for Uncle Sam.

Now, brothers, allow me to warn you if

you intended coming this way looking for work, just steer clear of here as there is no work going on now. Think by the time you hear from 23 again work will be opened. Will close this circuit for the present, but will turn it on full next month.

Yours fraternally,

W. A. SNYDER,  
Press Sec.

**Local Union No. 24.**

Minneapolis, Minn., May 6, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The time has arrived to pen a few lines to the brothers again that they may know that No. 24 is still in existence. With regard to our scale, would say that but four of twelve contractors have signed it up to the present time. Hope to be able to inform you in our next letter that we have them all, and I think we will get them without any trouble, but it takes time to do business in a business way.

Bro. Anne brought a box of cigars up to the last meeting which the boys partook of very freely, all on account of Bro. Anne being the proud possessor of twins, a picture of which I will send to the June Worker. They are to be initiated into the Brotherhood at our next regular meeting.

The electrical bill which I spoke of in the April Worker did not materialize. Why? Because, after having passed the House and introduced in the Senate, Local No. 24 discovered that Mr. Pillsbury, electrical engineer, and the contractors of Minneapolis and St. Paul, saw fit to add amendments which would have put us, all practical electrical men, out of existence, and no journeyman could have become a contractor after it had gone into effect. Hence the bill died in the judiciary committee of the Senate, and many thanks to Senator Doherty of Duluth for what he did in our behalf.

We received one brother from No. 166 on card at our last meeting and issued one to Bro. Warren Pierce. I think he was headed for Buffalo.

Some of the members have been on the sick list, but so far as I know they are up and around again. We hold an extra meeting each month, an open one, for educational purposes. We have had some of our most prominent electrical men give us

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lectures, some of which have been illustrated. They are very beneficial to us and very well attended.

Business was tied up for about two weeks on account of trouble with the B. T. Council and contractors. The difficulty has been settled and business resumed.

Yours fraternally,

G. P. HALFORD, P. S.

**Local Union No. 28.**

Baltimore, Md., May 6, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

To contribute our little mite this month is somewhat of a task, because there is little of importance to write. We are interested very much in the decision of the Executive Board regarding the abominable examination fees charged by some of the local unions, and hope to see this unjust decision vetoed or rescinded at the next meeting of the grand body. Local 28 is against the decision to a man. It is rank injustice and destroys the virtues and intentions of an international body; better that we have no grand body and every local shift for itself. A traveling brother would have no protection should this decision stand. The army of scabs will be somewhat augmented should this decision stand.

What we of No. 28 want now is more work. Three-fourths of us are pressing brick just now, and we warn all wiremen seeking work to give Baltimore a wide berth. The contractors claim that in the near future work will be plentiful. All we can say is, speed that day.

A report has been going the rounds that the contractors were going to cut the scale from 33½ cents per hour to 30 cents and let the men work hours to suit them, eight, nine or ten. No move has been made yet in that direction. Local 28 is not asleep, but prepared for any emergency.

Fraternally,

A. S. MEACHAM, P. S.

**Local Union No. 30.**

Cincinnati, O., May 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As the time has arrived to write a few lines to our valuable paper, I will endeavor to let you know how things are in Cincy. Work here at present seems to be pretty

fair. I don't know of any brother unemployed. We see by the daily papers that the Sycamore cable is soon to be changed to electric, but the street railway here does their own building and it is done in such a way that there are not many extra men put on when they have work of that kind to do. They generally carry a pretty good gang of men repairing and when there is any work going on they generally put everybody on the new work they can spare.

I understand that there is a great deal of work to be done in Covington, Ky., where they are going to rebuild the light plant, but I couldn't say how they are supplied with men. It seems that a great many of the brothers who come this way have been misinformed as to the condition of things here. They seem to think that this is a good town for wages, but it is not. The best you can do here is \$2.25 for outside work, and there are not many companies paying that. We hope in the near future we will be in a position to demand more. If the workingman could only see his condition as it really is, we would not have to work for starvation wages. Cincinnati has always been considered a cheap town, and it will always be such until we become thoroughly organized. The inside wiremen have placed themselves in a position to become recognized, and may the outside men take a lesson from the inside men and do likewise.

Following is an agreement entered into between the inside men and the contractors:

This agreement, entered into this 7th day of May, 1901, between the electrical workers of L. U. No. 30, of Cincinnati, O., and the electrical contractors of Cincinnati, O.,

Witnesseth—That the parties herein have entered into certain conditions relative to working hours and wages of employees, which will take effect on and after this date and continue until May 1st, 1902.

Art. 1. That we agree to nine hours constituting a day's work.

Art. 2. The minimum rate of wages shall be, for journeymen, 27 7-9 cents per hour; foreman, 33½ cents per hour, as designated by contractor.

Art. 3. That the contractor reserves the right to dispense with the services of an employee at any time.

Art. 4. In case of any dispute, that a standing committee of three shall be appointed by the contractors to meet with a like committee from the electrical workers,

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for the purpose of examining into the case of any man who has been discharged on account of not being able to fill the requirements of a journeyman, or from any other cause. In case these two committees shall not be able to arrive at a decision, they shall call on a competent arbitrator, with whose assistance they may decide, which decision shall be final and binding on all parties concerned.

Art. 5. Time and one-half shall be allowed for all overtime and double time for the 4th of July and Christmas. No work shall be done on Labor Day, which shall be the first Monday in September.

Art. 6. Each contractor shall be entitled to one helper to every three journeymen or fraction thereof, and these helpers to carry B. T. C. cards.

Art. 7. No helper regularly employed shall be paid less than a half day. If he begins work any hour in the morning and is through by noon, he shall receive one-half day's pay; the same rule to apply to the afternoon.

Art. 8. Street car fare shall be paid as heretofore.

In witness whereof, the duly authorized bodies have hereunto set their hands, this 7th day of May, 1901.

For Elec. Workers.	For Contractors.
Geo. C. Rost,	E. M. Lawton,
Chas. Worth,	Jno. E. Devere,
Jno. C. Adams,	A. S. Schulman,
John Foote,	D. J. Hauss,
John P. Wright.	Albert L. Jones.

WM. PRICE, Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 31.

Duluth, Minn., May 7, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker :

I thought I got my little piece in to the office last time in time for publication, but if you had heard the roasts I got for not doing it you would have thought that the paper was of no importance to the boys here unless they were in. But better they are that way than indifferent, for it shows their interest in the work of unionism.

As this city is situated way up at the head of the lakes and out of the line of ordinary cross country floaters, there are not many who drop in here and our steady-going crowd stays with us pretty well and as long as everything goes smoothly there is not a great deal to write about.

All of our men are busy and practically have been right along even during the winter. We had a little trouble with one of the shops lately about employing "kids" at \$1.00 to \$1.50 per day to do journeyman's work. More than once in the past this

same firm has given us trouble by send them out when we had union men out of work, which was in violation of their yearly agreement with us. We have now presented them with a new scale for this year and expect it will be signed soon. It calls for \$2.75 per day of 8 hours, double time Sundays and holidays and time and a half evenings and nights. Our last scale was \$2.50 for 9 hours, time and a half for all over time. All our boys are busy, many of them getting more than the new scale even now, but it costs more to live here than in many southern or eastern cities and we do not consider we are asking a bit too much; in fact hardly enough.

There is plenty of work in sight for this summer and Local 31 is in a good position to handle it in a first class manner.

Our local is composed of practically all the good men in the city and some outside, and any one who hasn't got a card will have to show us why or move on.

There have been scarcely any labor troubles here this year except the trimmers' strike and so our prospects are good for the season's work, which is now well under way.

We thought our grand ball last fall was all right, but from the description we think we will take off our hat to Salt Lake City so far as illumination, breeze and "hot air" go, but not in attendance, for we had over a thousand at our dance.

Fraternally,

HOT WIRE.

#### Local Union No. 34.

Peoria, Ill., May 6, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker :

It is about time to send in a letter for publication and I've concluded to write and inform you that it is the desire of No. 34 to have a letter there in time for the Worker. We are pleased to say that No. 34 is growing slowly but surely, financially as well as otherwise. There was one new member added to our list last meeting and one application received. There are a few more non-union men, but we hope to have them join us in the near future.

Bro. Lesley Howey, from No. 125, Portland, Ore., drifted into Peoria about three weeks ago with a paid-up card. He could not have come in a better time, as he se-

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cured work with the Electric Light Co. He is a practical lineman and we hope that he will remain with us. He is a jolly good fellow, and liked by all the boys; he sends his best wishes to the brothers of 125. We have another addition in the person of James Reede, from Local 66, Houston, Tex. He arrived here April 25th and went to work next day for the Light Co. There will be work all summer for the boys, as the company has considerable work this year. The Telephone Co. is not rushed with work at present, but expect to do some building this summer. There is also an estimate accepted to rebuild the East Side at a cost of \$15,000. This work will commence as soon as the material gets here.

The brothers here extend their sincere sympathy with Bro. Robert Denman in his bereavement over his mother, who died very suddenly on May 2d.

Well, as there is no other news at present of interest to the boys I will draw my letter to a close.

Respectfully yours,

R. W. SHERIDAN, P. S.

**Local Union No. 35.**

Massillon, O., May 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Another month has passed away and the time to write for the Worker is at hand. I am still doing some work here in Massillon, but most of the brothers have left for other parts. Bro. Joe Dooley is now in Detroit working for the new 'phone company, and several of our brothers are working for Bro. John Mayne in Canton, O. I am pleased to state that there will be members enough left in Massillon to retain the charter, as I do not like to see a charter transferred or turned in.

We have the construction work for the Massillon Telephone Co. completed and are now doing odd jobs of new work that keep turning up. I have working at present six linemen, but expect to finish up most any day.

I see by the papers that there are a great many new jobs to be started this summer, so I believe we will all be able to secure work if we desire it.

The time for our next convention is not

far off and I believe it is to the interest of our brotherhood to study up on the constitution and learn what changes, if any, are desired, so that when you send your delegates to the convention they will be well instructed in the business you desire them to transact. This, I believe, will be the most important meeting of delegates ever held by the brotherhood, and I trust the business of the convention will be transacted in such a manner as will give credit to the entire brotherhood. I believe that our brotherhood has been and still is increasing so fast that it would be well for us to consider the question of holding annual conventions in the future. Talk this over in your meeting, then instruct your delegates accordingly. To each local I say, you all have some good ideas of how to better the conditions of our brotherhood. This being the case, write them up and send to the Worker, regardless of what some one or more brothers might say against them. By getting the opinions of each local we can then compare them and I have no doubt we would then be able to draft up a constitution that will do us credit, but whatever you do, discuss all important questions in your meetings, find out what you want, then send your delegate to the convention with the understanding that he is to secure your wants unless he can be shown that he is wrong.

I will say no more about the convention, but will change to another very interesting subject, viz., the Texas strike. I am pleased to know that the members are holding out so loyally and true, and I trust the day is not far distant when victory shall be theirs. I know it is a hard fight and we should do all in our power to assist them in their struggle. If we would all do our duty there would be no question of who would win out. Brothers, if there are any of you who have not yet sent your mite to the Texas locals, do so at once and it may be the means of winning the battle for our brothers and sisters. I will state if there is any one local in Texas that is in need of immediate assistance, Local 35 has a few dollars in her treasury and will be willing to spend the last dollar she may have to assist them in their grand struggle.

To Local 17 I will say, I received your letter and wish to say that you have done

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nobly, and for your liberality I trust you shall meet with every success.

To No. 3, I received your letter and appreciate your acknowledgment of No. 35's appeal. I realize your position and trust you will some day reap the benefits you deserve for draining your treasury during your late strike.

Also to the brothers in Canada, I received your letter and am pleased to know that you were so willing and prompt to respond to the appeal made in behalf of the Texas strikers. I feel safe in saying you will some day receive your reward.

Now, Mr. Editor, I had better be cutting out, as you may throw this letter in the waste basket, but I hope not.

Owing to the fact that our brothers are leaving here it has been necessary to elect new officers. I also expect to leave here in a few days.

Wishing each local of the I. B. E. W. success, I ring off. Fraternally,

HUGH MURRIN,  
Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 37.

Hartford, Conn., April 30, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I was glad to see Grand Pres. Wheeler throw the mantle of charity over the misdeeds of our late grand treasurer, and also very glad to see that our worthy brother, F. J. Sheehan, had been elected to fill out his unexpired term. I want to say to our brothers throughout the country that I have known Bro. Sheehan since the beginning of his electrical career and can safely say he is the right man in the right place, grand, square and upright; a gentleman at all times, and when aroused to action can generate as much current as any equipment in the market. Success to you, Bro. Sheehan, and always bear in mind that the boys of Local 37 are your true friends.

P. J. BURKE.

Hartford, May 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Whether the notice appearing in the Worker has kept men away from Hartford or not, it is very noticeable how few come this way since the notice was published. Keep on publishing it, Mr. Editor; no change in the situation as far as the light company is concerned, but a change has

come to the men, who are about all employed by other companies. The light company is trying to do work with some scabs they employed and Mr. Smith goes around in his automobile trying to look wise. I understand that is how he holds his position. He tried the same scheme when he worked for the St. Ry. Co., I understand, but Foreman Chaffee didn't take very kindly to his wise looks and rubber-neck tactics, so he had him run out of that concern.

Fred Quirk, who was scabbing for the light company, has gone and left us to mourn his departure. We would have liked to have him stay to settle up his accounts before he left. We have a couple of outstanding bills yet and if anybody hears from him kindly put us on.

The linemen employed by the various companies of Boston struck on the 4th inst., the companies refusing to grant the raise of 50 cents per day and the lessening of hours to 8 asked for. A copy of the agreement was published in last issue of Worker. Any information I have had regarding the strike comes to me in newspaper reports. The committee of No. 104 of Boston was given the services of the state board of arbitration in view of coming to some agreement to settle matters, before the strike was precipitated. Although the union was willing to compromise to some extent, the companies would not agree to anything. Yesterday's newspaper report has it that the strike will extend to the southern division of the New England Telephone Co. and by Saturday, if some settlement is not made, the men will quit work. It is reported this morning that the electric light circuits are being cut in the suburban districts of Boston, but whether by linemen or not could not be learned.

The New England conference met at Providence on Sunday, April 14. Many important matters came up for discussion, principally the movement for an 8-hour day.

I am sometimes asked if I do not think an improvement could be made in the make-up of reading matter in our official journal, and if the secretaries could not be made to confine themselves to useful information. I do not think much of an improvement could be made on the last

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Worker, and I think the secretaries deserve much credit for their contributions. It must be borne in mind that the secretaries are ordinary workmen and they try to give an idea of how business is in their different localities, and try to keep friends posted on the whereabouts of our floating brothers. All is in good order I am sure. A month seems quite a time between writing letters, but I am willing to gamble that regular contributors find it often enough to write. Business is picking up around here and most of the men are steadily employed.

Before closing, will say to Bro. Wright that I will try to do something on the books he sent me some time ago, now that the boys are at work again.

Faternally,  
F. J. SHEEHAN.

#### **Local Union No. 38.**

Cleveland, O., May 7, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

April started out a very prosperous month, and wound up likewise, in spite of the carpenters' strike, which caused delay to some of our boys. There is more building going on in this city at the present time than has been known of in a number of years. No. 38 saw this coming and thought her boys ought to have a little more money about the first of May. We drew up a new agreement and presented it to the contractors about the 17th ult. It was reported by our business agent at our next regular meeting, which was the 23d, that none of the contractors would accept the agreement. Their principal kick was that all journeymen were not worth thirty-five cents per hour, which we were asking for. We had a long discussion that night, and as we did not have very much time between then and the 1st, we called a special meeting for the following Sunday to discuss the matter to a finish. It was finally agreed to stick to the original agreement without the contractors' signatures, and we stuck. The first of May found only four contractors who had given in, but before night they had all lined up but one, and he was out of town or he would, which he did the next morning.

We had our grand president with us during our little trouble, and all the boys

were glad to see Uncle Tom's smiling face in Cleveland again.

Our business agent wants all members to understand that as soon as they are out of work they are to report to him at once and keep in reach of him, as he is not in favor of going to their houses and crawling under the bed after them. He also wants to know how the boys like the work he did last week; he brought in five applications. Hurrah for Frank.

Bro. Ritz fell and sprained his ankle on the 15th, but was only laid up one week.

Bro. J. J. Hiltz met with a similar accident the following day and is laid up yet; he will not be able to get out for some time.

Bro. McKinley has also been sick, but owing to the negligence of the sick committee the writer is unable to report much about it.

Bro. Kaska has had the misfortune to lose his wife, and I am sure that he has every member's deepest sympathy.

According to our treasurer's report at the beginning of this month we were in good financial standing and not liable to go broke for a few days.

Bro. Sandusky is going to be married the 22d of this month. Be on the lookout for cigars, boys.

On and after the 14th we will meet at 199 Superior street, third floor.

MERTON G. BUCHAN,  
Press Sec.

#### **Local Union No. 39.**

Cleveland, O., May 9, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Well, well; here we are again, and still another storm. Although it was a little late in coming, it was welcome. The committee on storms reported that as they were cleaning house and having a few feet of crimp left over from last year's supply and thinking that the fixers here in Cleveland could take care of a summer snowstorm, sent it along. Well, the storm part was O. K., but Old Sol was pretty warm about the storm coming the way it did, without letting him know, and came out and put the storm out of business in a few days. The storm did considerable damage about Cleveland. The Postal lost a couple of miles of poles. They were cut off from all

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outside communication. The W. U. was also put out of business on some lines. The Electric Light Co. lost some wires and had lots of trouble on their lines. Both street car lines lost some wire. The Cleveland Bell was hit hard. Some of the big leads went down and stopped street railway lines. Their lines dropped on Broadway, Kinsman, Woodland ave. and Cedar ave. These lines were high up in the air and all heavy leads. But down they came. Well, they looked around for men and the men were as scarce as hen's teeth, and you all know how scarce they are. They did not do anything for a couple of days but clear the streets of dead wire. They sent up into the woods for some men but I guess they had hard luck in getting them, as they sent down from Detroit about 25 men all told. The kind of men who came were of the back number kind. There were a few good boys amongst them, for you know that they will wander around and try and make some good showing wherever they go. The Cuyahoga Tel. Co. came out lucky. They did not lose a pole, but they lost quite a number of lines. They started in to fight the storm and they came out on the winning side. From daylight to dark the boys worked and worked faithfully. They saw the way they were being treated and appreciated it. A few floaters arrived and went to work, but a lot of them were late for the big show, and some were not right and were not in the push.

The local gave a smoker to the visiting fixers from the surrounding locals who happened to be here during the storm. They all voted the smoker a grand success. A fine program, vocal and instrumental, was rendered. There were songs by the celebrated sweet singer of Irish melody, Bro. James Mack, and the wandering minstrel, Bro. Toben; also Bros. H. H. Hicks, Cullen, Pierpont, Reynolds, Tennant, Clark, Gleason and Pres. J. Donahue rendered songs, dances and sidesteps. The visiting brothers all spoke of having a first-class time. When Local 39 starts out to do anything you can figure that we are coming out on top. The committee in charge had 24 hours notice, but they all hustled. The figures the waiters cut with large trays of artesian mineral water were laughable and the ones in the supply room

had their hands full of insulators and porcelain knobs. Now and then a little P. & B. insulating fluid would be left in the glass battery jar, but everybody enjoyed themselves.

Brothers of the I. B., there is an arch enemy among us in the shape of an organized band of spies who are paid to furnish information about local affairs and as well to report on your work. They are employed by the Manufacturers' Information Bureau, who will agree to furnish all kinds of help, both male and female, and be able to report on any kinds of help that may be necessary. Local 39 has a complete list of these contemptible persons. It is the local's intention to send them to headquarters for publication in the June Worker, but in the meantime a list will be sent to different locals. Should you find one of these parasites, remembering your obligation, you know what the answer should be. They are a kind of people that should be shunned by all good workingmen, because, when they cannot find out anything about your local's affairs, they will make a report of some kind so that they can hold their jobs, and when they come into a local and betray our brothers, they are—well, a name that cannot be printed. Watch out for them, because they are trying to furnish information that may be used against you for some excuse or other.

Here is one at the knockers and kickers. Each member should pay his dues when they are due. A lot of these know-all-about-its think the officers of the local should do all the work and receive no assistance from the rank and file, but they are mistaken. When you elect officers give them all the help possible; don't be a wall-flower. Attend meetings and pitch in and take a hold. One of the greatest evils labor has to contend with is the selfish and indifferent members, who are members in name only but not at heart. And after meetings are over they hold a special one of their own in some nearby gin-mill and tell the people at large your business.

Unions must change with the times. A few years ago business enterprises were separated. Now they are merged into combinations and trusts, and the workers will have to come down to this plan to do business sooner or later, and the sooner the



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better. If every national and international body would enact some plan at their conventions for the formation of an international board, the object of this board to inquire into the justice of strikes, and if the strike was called let every union in the land co-operate together, those capitalistic concerns would think twice before entering into such a battle.

Let every member of the I. B. do his little piece of work and at the close of the year you can see the benefits. Then the I. B. will grow and before long be one of the strongest organizations in the country. We have doubled ourselves the past year. Let us still continue to grow. Wake up, press secretaries, and get into the circuit.

Yours respectfully,

GEO. H. GLEASON.

#### Local Union No. 40.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 7, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Time has rolled around for another letter to the Worker, so here is the condensed news from St. Joseph.

The Mo. & Kan. Tel. Co. has a gang out out on repairs. The majority have good union cards, but there is room for more and the brothers should keep up the good work. The Citizens' Tel. Co. is also in good shape. Supt. B. says they have installed over 100 phones since last fall. The St. Joseph & Kansas City Electric line hasn't showed any signs of life yet on this end of the proposed line. The City Light department is expecting a good appropriation from the city fathers, and if they get it they will probably do some new work.

Bro. L. J. Walling has resigned from the telephone company and is going to the territory for a homestead. He was a good member and a faithful worker for the cause, and we hope he will get a fine claim and a good squaw.

Bro. Nelson Cain was in from Kansas, wetting down and spending Mrs. Nation's money.

Bro. Imboden comes in frequently from the asylum. He is trying to induce somebody to locate a half-way hop house and farm.

A letter was received here from ex-Bro. Lawson, who says he has been to South Africa in the Boer war. He is now in

Buffalo, as he took French leave. He is suspended for non-payment of dues, but has to have card to work on the Pan-American. That is the reason for his holler.

With the excellent moonlight the city plant boys went to the lake fishing. Not liking to drink Contrary lake water, they took along a contrary keg, with the bracing air and the jolting ride. When the fishing grounds were in sight they were hungry enough to eat a raw dog and were despairing of starving to death when Boss Waller came to the rescue with his wonderful little canary bird's nest lunch basket sent him by his uncle in India. The contents furnished the entire party with breakfast and lunch and enough crumbs scattered around for another meal. Mr. Neselwanger, the fireman at the plant, also an expert fisherman, used the Grand river method. He baited a log chain with a sucking calf. He was after big fish. Mr. Gorton, engineer, also an expert, ruined his wife's \$1.25 bucket cooking his fat share city dough balls. He caught enough lake moss, after drying, to wipe his engine for two months. At last accounts the fish were all in the lake yet.

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#### Local Union No. 54.

Columbus, O., May 6, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The time has come when I must let the Brotherhood know that Local 54 is still on deck. My last letter was so long, due to trouble on the brain with the Bell Tel. Co., that I will not write much this time.

Our president, W. R. Kneeland, has left us for parts unknown. When last seen he was headed for St. Louis. Patsy, we will miss you and all fear you left a better thing than you can find in the west. We all think the poor boy has gone wrong since his Mattie left him last fall for the sunny south. Brothers, wherever he may go, give him a hearty welcome for a better union man never breathed. Pat, don't forget to write us, for we will be glad to hear from you any time.

The sick brothers of 54 are a thing of the past, every brother being out again.

Business has been fairly good here this spring. We have not only kept all of our

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old men working with the Columbus City Tel. Co., but have been able to place a few traveling brothers who have come to our city with the proper credentials and without any tax in lieu of an examination fee.

I hope this will reach you in time for publication. I will close wishing success to all, especially the brothers in Texas.

Fraternally yours,

A. T. W.

**Local Union No. 55.**

Des Moines, Ia., May 7, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

At our last meeting some of the members said there was a long letter from 55, but as their press secretary was not expecting banquets for services rendered, he experienced no surprise.

At present our local is in a prosperous condition and all members are at work except two, who, on account of accidents received, are unable to be out yet, and it is with regret I state it will be some time before we may hope to have them with us again.

There are good prospects for steady work here this summer, although they are not as bright as they were a month ago. The Mutual Telephone Co. is putting part of its wires under ground, and the Edison Light is expecting to start putting its main leads under ground next week.

Bro. J. Rhodes has been appointed general foreman for the Mutual Co., which position the writer deems him well qualified to fill. Bro. G. B. Hupp has been substituted in place of Bro. Rousseau, as Local 55's candidate for electrical inspector. While the members regret to lose Bro. Rousseau, we were all glad to see him better his condition. Bro. Hupp is certainly putting up a warm campaign. At the regular meeting of the city council yesterday they passed an ordinance requiring the applicants to pass an examination before three expert electricians; one member to be chosen by the Electric Light Co., one to be chosen by the Insurance Co., and the third by our union, and they are to pass upon the applicants, and the one receiving the highest per cent. is to be recommended by the chief of the fire department for appointment. In view of the fact that Bro. Hupp is one of the most competent electricians in the city, and that we will have

one of our members on the examining board, we have no doubt but he will be our inspector. As I have been taking considerable part in the fight, and am not quite through yet, will report the result in our next.

Fraternally yours,

JAMES FITZGERALD,

Press Sec.

**Local Union No. 56.**

Erie, Pa., May 7, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Well, brothers, it is time for me to scribble a few lines to the Worker to let you hear from old 56. Since I wrote last this town was visited with the severest snow storm seen here for years. It was a regular lineman's harvest. For twelve hours after it struck there was hardly a hundred working wires up in the whole city, and talk about pyrotechnical displays, the Pan-American won't be in it with the fireworks seen here that day. We had all the linemen within a radius of a hundred miles in here helping to clear the wreck, for with poles laying across the streets and telephone and electric light wires all mixed up, it was beautiful to behold, for it insures us a good summer's work, and no doubt will furnish work for a few floating brothers who drift this way with the necessary passport, a paid-up card.

Well, after the storm comes the calm, in the person of Bro. J. Roach of Rochester, who came in time to rescue our charter from the wreck and help us move our effects from the old hall to our new one, for which we are truly thankful to him. Every brother from Maine to California knows Bro. Roach for a brother who has the courage of his convictions, and he is a regular Thos. Brackett Reed in debate. He has a cordial welcome from No. 56. We have also Bro. Al. Burdett, who came from the sunny South in time to get a seat on the emergency wagon, and Bros. Fred Young and Jim Welch are here working for the Bell, and last but not least, my old friend, the Beau Brummell of the Moore House, Bro. Jim Schwimmer.

Bro. Ed. O'Day, Big Chief, has retired from the ranks of the tin can operators and has taken a gang for the Co-operative Society across the street. We know his valuable services will meet with the apprecia-

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tion they deserve. There is no denying the fact that Indians invariably follow their tribe.

I hear that our esteemed brother, Rocky Bob Gray, paid a visit to Cleveland last week. He seemed to enjoy his visit for he keeps his hands in both pockets since, and I know that Bros. Gleason and Gechter felt a breeze of "hot air" when Bro. Bob landed in the City of Viaducts. I would like to know how he lined up with Bro. H. H. H. H. Hicks. Our picnic comes off on the 22d of June and we all want to see you, for Bob Gray promises to don his running suit and retrieve his lost reputation.

Bro. Pete Jacobs has been promoted to foreman of the Mutual, and with our new business agent of the inside wiremen, Bro. George Kramer, it's a hard pair to beat. By the way, Bro. Kramer is going to move into his new house pretty soon and he promises there will be no work next day if you are around.

We can't hold Bros. Billy Brown and Jim Kelly since the proprietor of the Moore House invited them to go fishing. If you want to know the reason, ask Capt. Jack of the Turnpike.

Well, Mr. Editor, I guess you have suffered agony enough from this quarter.

J. J. REID, Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 58.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., May 3, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As our press secretary could not find time to write his little bit for the Worker so the boys could see we were still alive, I was elected to the office and send you my first letter. We are getting along fine and adding two or three members each meeting night. There is just one little kick I have and that is the poor attendance at meetings. Wake up, brothers; don't let the boys think you only belong to the local to hold your job. It is getting to be an old song that you are too busy to come. You know and we know that you could come to see us at least once a month, and that would be better than once or twice a year.

Some of our brothers are letting their dues run entirely too far behind and will wake up some morning and find their name cancelled from the books. I do not want to be personal and call each brother

by name who is neglecting his duty, for that would be too long a list to be printed.

If you step into our hall you will find nearly the same members there each meeting night, and only a few of them, too. So come along, brothers, and be a union man at heart as well as by name.

By the way, some of the brothers from our neighboring locals who worked at Tonawanda last winter and went away and forgot to pay their board bills had better call on the landlord or landlady, as the case may be, and save us the trouble of printing their names in the June number of the Worker. Hoping this will catch the eye of the guilty brothers and cause them to come forward, I will drop this matter for the present.

Bro. Kelly, who has been on the sick list for some time, is slowly recovering and we hope to see his face at the local soon. Bro. Brandt is nursing a smashed foot.

Nearly all our brothers are busy at present. Will now close for this time. Wishing all sister locals success, I am,

Respectfully yours,

C. C. CADWALLADER,

Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 60.

San Antonio, Tex., April 23, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

By permission of our press secretary, Mr. A. A. Drake, who has gained a national reputation as a writer and poet, I will add my essay as an auxiliary.

#### THE DIGNITY AND THE DISGRACE OF LABOR.

The industries that enjoy the greatest freedom from disputes and consequent interruptions of work through the strike or lockout are the industries in which both labor and capital are so strongly organized that they can become responsible parties to an agreement regulating wages and hours of labor for a year or more. Such harbingers of industrial peace are becoming more frequent every year as employers and employees come to a better recognition of interests common to both. Sentiment counts for naught when business propositions overhang it. Trade unionists must learn this fact thoroughly and then all will be well. Of course, there are a few people in each locality who yield to

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sentiment for a time in deference to their own business interests. The percentage of such people, however, is so small compared to the wiser and more progressive that all their might brought to our assistance as union wage-earners would not feed the children three weeks in the year. To gain recognition as union men at the hands of employers, we must use business judgment. We must never ask an employer to dispense with anything unless we have something to offer as a substitute. We must not ask the employer to discharge a non-union man until we have a union man who is a more competent and reliable workman to take his place. It is not the numerical strength of a labor organization nor the financial strength of a body or single employer that has established the harmonious relations spoken of in the quotation. Neither of itself nor combined with the other is productive of harmony and success. A more potent agent than strength or money has accomplished these relations—the business way of meeting on common ground and conferring with each other. Kindness and fairness of treatment on one hand, with energy and integrity on the other, have succeeded in establishing a mutual confidence upon which agreements between employer and employee are entered into and fulfilled. The success or failure of any enterprise depends largely upon the energy exerted by those who carry out the details. A conservative labor organization doing business on business principles which are intended to elevate man and imbue him with a proper conception of right, evolve the kind of men to whom the success of these organizations is due. A necessary adjunct to all organizations is a committee to whom all disputes are referred; men chosen from among the members to act as arbitrators, mediators, advisers. Some organizations call them by one name, some by another. Local No. 60 of San Antonio has a standing committee known as the grievance committee. Members of said committee have a farce name for the same. These committees not only advance the harmonious relations between employer and employee, but each in the end comes to a better recognition of the interests of both and thus convey to the

outer world what the above quotation describes. Respectfully submitted,

JOHN THOMPSON, F. S.

San Antonio, Tex., May 5, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I see an expression on the face of Father Time which warns me that I should now be fulfilling my duties as press secretary for this local, and having a little time at my disposal will try and let the brothers know what we are doing and how we are doing it.

To begin with my story, we have been doing some business with the Southwestern in the form of a boycott on their phones, by appealing to our friends and the business of the city to stop using the Southwestern phones. The results have been very gratifying to us and seem to be anything but agreeable to the officials of that scab corporation, as they are now circulating all sorts of stories derogatory to the officers and members of this union and have even enlisted the services of that well-known organization whose principal business seems to be the breaking up of trades unions and which sails under the name of the social labor party. This diseased offspring of foreign pauperism and would-be politicians too infernally lazy to earn an honest living, have been doing all in their power to injure us and break our strike. The results have been far from what they wished and our cause has profited immensely as it showed us a traitor in the higher ranks of our organization, thereby benefiting the Brotherhood at large.

In connection with our efforts to reduce the list of Southwestern phone users, I am reliably informed that our efforts have been so successful that the Southwestern has reduced its force of operators from 30 one month ago to 18 at the present time, and the prospects are very bright for a continuous performance on the same line.

Two of our members, Happy Jack McCarty and Wash Dobroskey, both unfortunately crippled for life and unable to walk without crutches, were the recipients the other day of a somewhat unwelcome experience, both being treated to an unmerciful horsewhipping by the wife of the big hulking scab, Chas. Coleman,

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while her big lump of a hubby stood on the opposite side of the street and watched the proceedings. It is a fortunate thing for this scabby pair that no members of our union were near at hand or there would have been another scab less in San Antonio.

With all our trouble we still find time for a little diversion and No. 60 has organized a baseball team that challenges anything for money, marbles or beer. Last Sunday we dressed the harness of the leather workers to the tune of 23 to 8 and to-day we made hash out of the cooks and waiters. Next Sunday we are going to decorate the painters.

Bros. Chas. Converse and William Freeman, two popular wiremen of this local, after deep study, concluded the double phase system of life more preferable and were wrapped in the coils of matrimony last weeks. Both appear to be standing the extra pressure very well and have the best wishes of all members of our local. It is rumored that a few more of our boys will soon give up the single system. If the rumors prove true Bro. Frank Snyder and myself will have to go it alone. I even thought Bro. Frank had deserted me the other day when on looking over the paper I saw a marriage license issued to one Frank Snyder, but it proved a different person. Cheer up, Frankie, lots of time for us yet.

President McKinley paid us a visit yesterday on his tour of the west and left us with a good impression. Our master of ceremonies, Bro. Joe Wellage, having the good of our members at heart, introduced Bro. Jim Broderick and spoke a few words in behalf of his application for a pension for services during the war of 1812. It is needless to say that the president readily agreed to use his influence to secure Bro. Broderick his pension.

Work at the present time is very slack and would not advise any one to come this way, as we are now having a general building trade strike on here and every one of our inside wiremen are out. The new telephone company has now about finished its work here and is preparing to tackle Austin. Our local will feel the loss of the new men keenly. We will bear it patiently for the good it will do the dead

in that town. Great God! just imagine what a revelation it will be to them to see a real live set of union men.

To you, brothers in a distant clime, words are inadequate to describe the thanks we would express for the keen interest you are showing in our cause, and I assure you No. 60 will endeavor to retain your friendship and good will by carrying on our war with the Southwestern till doomsday, if necessary, to prove to them that they must pay their employees a just share of the wealth they have created for them and also recognize their unions and their independence, and though scabs, traitors and parasites thrive around us for a time, at least we are undismayed, as through the vista of time we see the flag of victory our goal.

Now, believing that I have taken up more space than the editor of the Worker wishes, I will bring this to a close, but before doing so will say that Bro. George Cooper would like to hear from his old partner, Dodge. He is back here to stay till the blue birds whistle long and loud; so drop him a line, Dodge. Let me add that Bro. Drake wishes his arm was long enough to reach over and shake hands with Bro. Clark, of No. 44, and congratulate him on his guessing ability. You guessed right, Bro. Clark. Now, try and guess again. Good bye for the present.

Yours fraternally,

DUCK,  
Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 61.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 2, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

This finds 61 still on deck, and meeting every Thursday night. We are going to give our third annual picnic, which will account for the following, from the pen of our worthy recording secretary, although he will deny it:

A little picnic now and then  
Is relished by all kinds of men;  
So come along and have a lark—  
Spend the day at Verdugo Park.

Bring wife and children, or, in lieu  
Of these, young man, your sweetheart,  
true.

Come out and try the mazy waltz;  
You'll find this world is not all false.

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There's pleasure in it if you will  
Cast off care and forget you're ill.  
Your tickets buy; it's none too soon;  
'Tis not long till the 9th of June.

Ross.

The only drawback I fear will be the securing of a hand-line long enough for the throwing contest. We've got some mighty mean rope-throwers, and President Brose is about the mightiest. L. C. Edwards was our champion climber, but he's in Oakland. Come down anyway, Red, and take the prize once more. We have a ten-round set-to on the list, between Bros. Jackson and Fiefield. Jackson, being a little the heavier, seems to have the best of the betting so far.

We received a letter to-day from Bro. Tripp acknowledging the receipt of \$54 which 61 sent him for the benefit of our brothers and sisters in Texas. It may have been a little late, but we are just getting on our feet from our little trouble.

Unionism is booming in Los Angeles at present. We have a building trades section, a branch of the Council of Labor, and about the first thing you hear on entering a new building is, "Have you got a card?" About everything is organized here now. We have a few non-union linemen, but are in hopes of getting the worthy ones into the fold. The old cry, when you approached some of them with an application blank, was, "What good is the union?" Now we can say, the telephone men at least, "Before the union acted, this company worked ten hours; now they work nine." Some of them seem to think the nine hours just grewed, like Topsy. No. 121 has a good press secretary. Regards to you, John; and you too, Jack.

BAILEY.

### Local Union No. 66.

Houston, Tex., May 3, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As my letter got in too late for the April Worker, I will add a little more to it for the May number. The strike is still on here and likely to remain so for some time. Pretty much all the men have left and our sisters say they would not go back to work with scabs if the strike was declared off. We have not money enough to take care of the lady members as they should be.

The receipts from locals for the general fund are as follows:

No. 61 . . . . .	\$ 54 00
" 17 . . . . .	100 00
" 75 . . . . .	11 25
" 170 . . . . .	14 50
" 103 . . . . .	4 75
" 10 . . . . .	10 00
" 111 and 52 . . . . .	30 00

Some other locals have sent money through me to 66 and they will probably give credit for same as they should.

There has been a great fight put up here and there is very little disposition shown among the electrical workers to give in. The company has plenty of scabs but they are not giving good service. The fight has been waged relentlessly and much credit is due all members who have proved true. We have been handicapped by different causes that helped to make the fight harder. One was the time of year, winter, when many scabs are idle in the north and the company had them to draw upon. Another thing we had to contend with was members of the social labor party, who did everything they could to discourage the members. They have told all sorts of lies, charged all our leaders with crookedness, and three months ago preached in the public square in San Antonio that the strike was hopelessly lost. In short, they have followed the policy of their party, which is to wreck trade unions if possible. I presume their next move will be to try and organize the scabs into the socialist trade and labor alliance. It would be in perfect keeping with their policy. Here is a statement taken from their official organ, the Daily People, of April 7, 1901:

The socialist trade and labor alliance was organized in November, 1895. It was launched at a large mass meeting in cooper union in this city in December following, during the session of the A. F. of L., and immediately after the fiasco of a mass meeting by that body in the same hall. The alliance meeting was hastened on as a challenge to the A. F. of L. convention and a protest against its reactionary and treasonable declarations just then adopted.

Here we have an authentic account of the birth of this child of the socialist labor party, which has been used ever since to

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help break down the trade unions. They scabbed it in Davis' cigar shop in New York and when pinned down to that fact or any other sample of their crookedness they go in the air at once and howl about being cited to concrete examples instead of dealing in generalities as they do. They evade concrete examples and when pinned down to them they run and howl about scientific generalities. Scientific! that is their pet word, their excuse for all their crookedness. The tin shield behind which they dodge when concrete examples are fired at them. They are so painfully scientific that they cannot trust to their naked eyes, but must look at the trade union movement through glasses manufactured by Daniel DeLeon, who can see nothing clearly except that he is unable to exploit the trade union movement. Therefore, according to his vision, distorted as it is with rage, they are all wrong. It is to his material interest to down the trade unions as he cannot exploit them, and he and his chosen few can exploit the renegades and silly dupes, whose views they can distort so they are afraid to trust their own eyes, and buy their glasses from DeLeon. Burdened as he is with a diseased and overstrained imagination, nothing is right, according to him, that does not emanate from him, the would-be dictator and fountain-head of socialism in America. They prattle vaguely about Karl Marx, a man who spent the best part of his life and a fortune in compiling a very interesting work and a history of human development, which very thoroughly proves that two and two are four, always have been four, and in all probability always will be four.

Socialism if ever brought about will be ushered in by an enlightened people, not by a lot of snarling mangy curs.

Now, Mr. Editor, if this does not find the waste basket, I shall have something further to say on this subject again.

R. R. TRIPP.

**Local Union No. 68.**

Denver, Col., May 7, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

It is a little late, but I hope not too late to get these few lines in the May issue. There is not much new at present, and as I was just elected to this office through the

sickness of our press secretary, I hope all mistakes will be overlooked.

There seems to be quite a lot of work at present, but plenty here to do the same. We are fast approaching the 1st of June, when we hope to have our scale increased 30 cents on the day. It looks very favorable at present, as we know all the boys will cling together.

We had the pleasure of having Bro. Roth at our last meeting, but I could not stay to hear him. I understand his mission is to settle the difficulties now existing between Locals 113 and 121.

The Lacombe Electric Co. has got started and there seems to be a good rivalry between them and the old company. This is one time the citizens have the best of it, as both companies are burning their outside street arcs since the 1st of April.

We have moved to our new hall, No. 510 Charter block, and we are very proud of it. We have put it in the very best of condition, and all the credit is due to our hustling Bros. Grant, Reed and Tony Godare, who are always on the move for the pleasure and good of the local, and last, but not least, is Bro. C. W. Dosse, who is never idle when it comes to anything needed in the local, and I know all the boys are proud of these three brothers, and appreciate their services very much. It is our intention to rent our hall to other unions if possible, as we only use it once a week. We are very glad to again have Bro. Thorne as business agent, as it is a hard office to fill and he seems to be the best man for the place, and hope he will continue with his good work.

Bros. Hugo, Walters, Springer, Miller and Anderson have been on the sick list, but all are out now and on the mend.

As this is new to me and it is getting late, I will have to close, with best wishes for the Brotherhood, we are,

Fraternally yours.

HARRY TEELE.

**Local Union No. 70.**

Cripple Creek, Colo., April 7, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I missed last month and got a good roasting from the boys, so will not let it occur again. Business continues to be good and all brothers doing well, except



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our president, who seems to be up against it. Having just recovered from an attack of small-pox, he is again in bed with the grip.

We took in two members last month and have more coming. There is always room for one more in No. 70. We also had two brothers from Galveston, Tex. One went to work with the W. U. on the new line, and the other one could not stand the high altitude and went south to Trinidad. He did not speak very well of a certain local in our state, for which I am sorry. He reported a very cool reception.

One good thing has come to pass here in the C. C. District, and that is the affiliation of all organized labor under the head of the C. C. District Trades Assembly, doing away with the B. T. C. Am glad to say the scheme has met with success so far and I believe will continue to.

Our local has received two circular letters, one from No. 65 and the other from Bro. Sherman. At first the majority of the brothers believed as No. 65 did, but after receiving Bro. Sherman's letter we began to look at it differently. I believe, as all of the brothers of No. 70 do, that the question can be settled best at our next convention. I do not believe in being too hasty about a matter of this kind. Furthermore, when No. 65 asked for a vote not one-third of our brothers knew the particulars, and I venture to say that other locals were in the same boat.

I noticed that the Worker went like hot cakes both last month and the month before. They are all right and our local, as part of the I. B. E. W., is proud of it. We also received a letter from "Old Crip," and will say that he should have written us before. I believe his books will go just like the Workers did.

Will close, as this is about all I have to say this time. Hoping this will reach you in time, as I don't want the boys to jump on me again, I am,

Yours fraternally,

J. A. MILLER, JR.,  
Press Sec.

Cripple Creek, Col., May 5, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Af I missed last month, I will endeavor to get there in time this month. I read

with interest the description of the Buffalo exposition and it adds greatly to the Worker.

Work here is fair, not as good as it was six weeks ago, but the majority of brothers are working. No. 70 continues to increase. At our last meeting five new applications were received.

To show what organized labor can do, I will tell you what happened here ten days ago. Three shows were billed to appear here through the agency of Peter McCourt, of Denver. He was declared unfair to organized labor, so when the first show appeared and the curtain went up the house had sixteen in the audience and they were children. The other two did not come.

In my letter for March, I mentioned the C. C. District Trades Assembly. Well, it is O. K.

At one of our meetings a few weeks ago, the question came up—should a track-bonder be considered an electrical worker or not? We could not agree on the question. Will you, or some brother who may read this letter, give us an opinion on the question?

In conclusion, will say that the collection for the benefit of the striking brothers and sisters of Texas, from No. 35 shows that the brothers in the east are all right. Say, brothers in the west, shall we be out-done? Nit!

Wishing good luck to all brothers, and especially to the brothers and sisters in Texas, I am,

Yours fraternally,  
J. A. MILLER, JR.,  
Press Sec.

### Local Union No. 73.

Spokane, Wash., May 2, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Still they come, one and sometimes two at a time. Everything is getting along very nicely. We gave a benefit dance last month for Bro. Bob Curry, who fell from a pole last December, netting the sum of \$84. We seem to be in bad luck as regards accidents. Bro. Banthman is still on the sick list, Bro. Denman stuck a wire in his eye May 1st without causing serious injury, and George Demerest fell while unloading poles, April 30th, breaking his right leg in two places just above the ankle.

Bro. Geo. Denman was called home to

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attend the funeral of his mother, who died this May 2d. We extend to him our sincere sympathy, wishing him a quick return to us.

Your humble servant is the only climber working out of five. Pretty hard to do the work of five men, but it is O. K.

It is getting close to election time and organized labor is going to use its utmost strength to elect the men we want. We are endeavoring to have an electrical inspector appointed so we can cut out some cheap shops that are a detriment to our cause. We wish also to try and license electrical workers and have it agreed to by city officials, and to have every man examined so a company cannot employ a man unless he has his license to show that he is a good and not a dangerous man to work with.

Local 73 voted the Texas strikers \$10 with our best wishes. Say, boys, never say fail, but stay with it.

Hello, 61! We received your letter and are all very anxious to try and assist in your desired movement. To try and have a scale of wages for our coast cities is a very good move.

If Bro. Maloney is with you, give him our best regards and wishes for success. The White Front is about on the hog train. We have drawn up a set of by-laws of a very substantial nature, and if approved by the high king we will see that they are abided by.

The base ball season has opened in our beautiful city and it is hard to keep the boys to work when the players appear in their uniforms.

The fuse is gone, so good-bye.

Fraternally yours,

E. A. R., Press Sec.

### Local Union No. 83.

Wauwatosa, Wis., April 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

It is interesting for me to learn that some wives of our brothers search more for the news in the Worker than their husbands; not only that, but they also know their husbands' attitude in regard to various subjects and are sure to call their attention to same. For instance, while visiting a brother and waiting for the good supper that was being prepared for us, his wife

unexpectedly started: "Say, Georgie, do you know some one has been roasting your friend Maloney?" "Why, no, Podgie; what did he say?" "Why, didn't you see it in the Worker? He just gave him a terrible roast." The husband was very much amazed, made a rush for the Worker and commenced reading and analyzing arduously the unostentatious remarks. Looking up with a smile he repeated: "'O tempora, O mores!' Why, that ain't Swedish; nor is it from over the Rhine. It's just another case of 'Oh, the times! Oh, the manners!'"

The once known Herr Most would like to inform No. 56, of Erie, Pa., that he is in the ranks and would be very glad to receive news from the Erie boys. Is N. C. Price, foreman for the Bell Tel. Co., still in the land of the living?

The test case between the Iron Moulders' Union and employers was lost. Judge Ludwig of the Superior Court declared the present law unconstitutional. This gave trades unionism a hard blow once again.

Our grand president gave us a call last month. He had the floor for a short time, talked on labor subjects and we all gave our attention with due respect, and also questioned him about the war just now on hand. This gives us some light on the matter and we will do what we deem to be right.

J. S. MACK,

Press Sec.

Wauwatosa, Wis., May 7, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Hoping not to get left this time that the brothers may be informed that 83 is yet in the land of the living. A great number of our members are distributed throughout the country, leaving but a small number for our meetings. Although we gradually get some new ones, our last being Ben O'Brien.

Any brother knowing the whereabouts of G. Babcock please impress him to let himself be heard of by the boys of Local 83.

Business is fairly well with the inside wiremen at present, but not over good with the linemen.

There is a sagacious fellow by the name of Mr. McGowan, president of the Indianapolis Street Railway Company, who seems too much harassed over his em-

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ployees' effort to organize, which has led to the impression belonging to an organization would interfere with the men's working efficiency, because of being up late nights and becoming possessed of factional differences the next morning and in consequence that no benefits grow out of such an organization. I am much in sympathy (?) with this bewailing philanthropist who has the human family so deeply in his heart and offers his wise opinions to his beloved employees (?). I wonder if this Mr. McGowan has ever reasoned why it was that labor organizations came into existence; no doubt but what he has and probably knows well what labor organizations mean. He did not define what he meant by "no benefits grow out of such organizations" and "factional differences;" whether it was that the employees might come in touch with what rightly belongs to them and would in a phalanx learn how to demand what is theirs, where he at present is accumulating it either for himself or company's voluptuous gratification; or for the sake of being an exploiter; or on the other side union men would become an obnoxious set of grumblers, knowing not for what or why. The reader may draw his own inference. Then the pity he has about the poor fellows staying up late at nights, losing rest. Just swallow some of these pills, brothers, they're good for what ails you, and don't mind the diagnosis.

Fraternally yours,

J. D. MACK,  
Press Sec.

**Local Union No. 84.**

Atlanta, Ga., May 3, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

No. 84 is doing a fine business just now at the old stand. Our hall is crowded every meeting night and all the brothers seem to be infused with a genuine feeling of brotherly love. Brothers, we must not wrangle among ourselves. When we do we give the enemy just the chance he is looking for to smash our ranks and breed ill feeling. Nor must we get too smart. It's very nice to be smart men, but when we get so smart that we judge that no one else is capable of doing a thing right, then we generally make an ass of ourselves.

No. 84 is the mother of most of the locals

around Atlanta, having organized Columbus, Ga., and Columbia, S. C. In fact, she has members in nearly every local in the south. She has never been any expense to the I. B. E. W. that I can remember of. She has a big-hearted set of boys, the latchstring being on the outside to any floating brother if he has a clear card.

Brother press secretaries, I would like to join hands with each and every one of you to try and make our letters to the Worker be of such a nature that would bring to all brothers of the I. B. E. W. a feeling of brotherly love. United we stand, divided we fall.

No. 84 wishes to extend to our brothers in Texas our heartfelt sympathy. May you win out in your struggle to better your condition.

We intend to run an excursion to Tibie Islands and Savannah in June and hope to make some money for our treasury.

The state convention, which convened in Columbus in April, gave the electrical workers their endorsement for a nine-hour day and \$2.50.

Hello, Bros. Paley, Parrott, Chas. Bryard Uncle Rastus and all of you floaters, what has become of you all that we don't hear from you any more? Have you strayed off so far that you can't find your way back?

With greeting to all brothers of the I. B. E. W., I will throw the switch until next month.

Fraternally yours,

W. R. JOHNSON,  
Press Sec.

**Local Union No. 85.**

Augusta, Ga., May 6, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I guess you will be surprised to get a letter from No. 85, as it has been some time since we had anything in the Worker, on account of our press secretary being out of town. I being installed for the unexpired term will try and let the brothers know we are still doing business in the same old place. Have taken in two new lights since you last heard from us. A good many of our boys are out of town and some of them, I am sorry to say, are a little behind. I hope they will come around all right before long.

We are going to give a barbecue and dance on June 4th, to which all electrical

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workers are invited. We are looking for a big success.

Brothers, the time is fast approaching when I hope the negro will be shut out entirely in the south. We seem to have our share of things. The Bell Co. is laying off union men and putting on dollar 4 bit men. What do you think of that?

Bro. Evans, why don't you answer my letter? No. 85 sends you their best wishes.

Work is slack here at this time. I wish to compliment our Brother Editor on the book form of the Electrical Worker. It is a beauty and reflects great credit on Bro. Sherman.

Hello! Old Crip; the boys of No. 85 like your little book and say it is worth more than the price. Well, Crip, will write you to-day.

Brothers, if you will excuse a short letter this month I will try and make up in my next. I will close by giving you a list of our officers as follows:

Pres.—H. E. Edenfield.  
Vice-Pres.—R. S. Mills.  
Rec. Sec.—R. M. Dun.  
Fin. Sec.—Jack Miner.  
Treas.—J. W. Conners.  
Inspector—S. D. Conners.  
Foreman—L. Horn.

To our Texas brothers, we wish you luck and all kinds of success.

Well, Mr. Editor, I believe in short letters, so I will ring off. With much success to the I. B. E. W.

Yours fraternally,  
JACK MINER,  
Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 87.

Newark, N. J., May 6, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

This is the beautiful month of May, but as I am not a spring poet I will not say very much about it. This fine weather does not give me much time. Business is on the pick-up around Newark, a little doing here and there. All of our brothers in these parts are working, a few changing places as is the custom in moving time. Any floater landing around here seeking a job must show a clear, paid-up card or he will not rest easy or land in a job. No two or three months behind in dues or hard-luck story stand with the boys here, as we

have had experience. So come if you will, with a paid-up ticket, and you are welcome to our hospitality.

I would say to brothers of unions that have any intention to float this way that there is no demand for linemen in this vicinity at present. Although things are on the pick-up, there is nothing special doing. Same old force on. The Light Co. keeps its men on and the N. Y. Tel. Co. is doing a little around outside of Newark. The Postal went through to Camden and so on, but is about finished with its six wires to Trenton. The N. Y. & N. J. do not seem to have any rush on hand. The (Home) Newark Tel. Co. is in the bracket and knob business yet, holding two of our brothers as trouble hunters (bug-fixing) and a gang of three more wire-fixers. Any Brotherhood man having any intentions of coming this way would be wise to write to the old headquarters for information in regard to any boom in the business that may arise. There is nothing doing in the trolley business, either. A street-car line was to go through to Perth Amboy, but I suppose the projectors of this line got lost, as I do not see anything doing. I was told two months ago to hit them up for a job, but as yet they have only unloaded some ties and a hundred or more poles. Hope they push it through.

Some of our brothers have asked me to inquire for some of their friends in the business. Bro. John Boldman left the Orange Light and has gone west as far as Hoboken, N. J., to work for Joyce, and would like to hear from his old friend Arizona, H. C. Tinder. Some of our brothers and myself have not heard of Edward Schaeffer since he left Newark. Schaeffer, if you should see this write to Mack and let us know how you are making out. Chas. Elmore and Harry Hallum, I hope you are doing good where you are. Wish you all the luck there is. Charley Hatt, I suppose you are in the sunny South, Atlanta, Ga.

Brothers, it would be well to mention that big Ed. Louis is still around Newark doing work for the Light. I believe he is building a light station in Irvington, N. J., along with our ex brother, Newgent. Big Nose seems to hold on good with the Light Co. The W. U. man from all over the world, Jack Fleming, is still here holding

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his job as second-class lineman, with chances of further advancement.

Clarence Smith, Tattoo, is still contracting for the Light with John Sailor as an operator, putting in a sub-station in East Newark for the incandescent lighting series of Kearney. The pure, solitary man is still in Metuchen, living close by one of the churches in this beautiful summer resort, as we call it. Brothers acquainted with him who have not seen him in some time will not know him, as this country work and living in this beautiful farming district have improved his looks, and manners, too. Good living makes a change in some brothers.

Local 87 is still taking new lights in her circuit, as we need them to brighten things up, and expect some new ones to be put through in a short time. Those out of the fold are making efforts. Some already have applications to make out and will soon be turning them in. It has been said that a great many of those who held jobs here in the telephone trouble one year ago are anxious to get in the Brotherhood. I hope they will all come in and we will see if it will make better men of them.

No. 87's men, as far as I know, are working and we have no brothers on the sick list at present. Hope the same will continue. Members of No. 87 who have floated from here, look at your due book once in a while; you may run out, and as you may be in Pennsylvania, New York State or somewhat distant, you may not come in contact with our financial secretary. So look it up, and send in your check so we can keep the books straight.

Believing it about time to throw the breaker I will close, wishing all locals and all brothers success, especially those having difficulties with the bosses, our striking brothers in Texas, Camden and elsewhere. Hoping that the writing contest I mentioned in my last letter in April Worker will start, I remain,

Faternally,

R. S. MACK.

**Local Union No. 90.**

New Haven, Conn., May 4, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Our press secretary having resigned on account of leaving the city, I was elected to

fill the office for the remainder of the term. Not having any letter from No. 90 in some some time, I will let you know we are still doing our best to keep our local flourishing. We are taking in new members most every meeting and have got most of the telephone men of the city in our local now. We expect to get the rest of them soon. The W. U. Tel. Co. are doing some rebuilding, also the S. N. E. Tel. Co. are quite busy just now. Both companies have hired some extra men, so that leaves all of our brothers working at present, which makes business look brighter.

We held an open meeting March 30th which was well attended by brothers from other locals. We have initiated several new members since we held that meeting which I think we would not have got otherwise.

I see all trades unions in this section are demanding a reduction of working hours and more wages. That shows what organized labor can do. There is nothing like being thoroughly organized in all branches of trades.

Bro. Hill had the misfortune to lose his child, also Bro. Reynolds lost his brother, who died with fever. No. 90 adopted a set of resolutions and sent a copy to Bros. Hill and Reynolds.

As this is my first letter as secretary, I will cut it short as I do not want to take up too much of your valuable space.

C. J. HAGGERTY,  
Press Sec.

**Local Union No. 91.**

Easton, Pa., April 9, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I have very little to report this month, as there is almost nothing doing. For some reason unknown to your humble servant there seems to be a scarcity of work with no apparent reason. One cause for this unusual inactivity is the failure of the N. J. & Pa. Tel. Co. to see things in the light that we do. As a natural consequence there are no very vast clouds of smoke in the vicinity of their office.

The State Bell Telephone Co., one of our most enterprising and progressive institutions, has considerable work ahead and no doubt some of our brothers will soon be

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placed. New members coming along all right and all running smoothly enough.

Yours fraternally,

C. REMMERER,  
Press Sec.

Allentown, Pa., May 6, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker :

It is with pleasure I take the time to send these few lines for the brothers to read, also to let the people know that 91 still exists and is improving finely.

The boys of 91 had a grand rally at the last meeting. We were well pleased to make the acquaintance of two brothers from Local 137, of Albany, Bros. Connors and Pat Cannon, both having good cards; and to be sure they were not turned down, but joined in helping put four brothers through the ropes. The total membership of No. 91 at present is 60 and things look bright for 20 more before the summer is over.

All brothers are requested to stay away from Easton at the present time, for there is trouble ahead. The New Jersey and Pennsylvania Tel. Co. refuses to sign an agreement got up by Local 91. They would not give the home boys an even chance, but had the nerve to send to New York for linemen. As good luck would have it they got hold of some good union men instead of a lot of scabs, and when they got these men in the little city of Easton, they were confronted by a member of 91, who told them the trouble and it only took them about two hours to get out of the place. If all brothers do the same there will be little chance for them to get men till they sign our agreement. One of the brothers names was Jack Hanlin. I failed to learn the number of his local. Good boy, Jack. The boys of 91 have a good word for you, and any time after the trouble is settled No. 91 would like to see you again. The New Jersey and Pennsylvania have only one lineman at present and his name is Williams. His record is as black as Satan's. If I am not mistaken he did the same thing on the New York and New Jersey boys.

Bro. Welsh had a very bad accident on May 5th, having both hands severely burned. We hope he will have a speedy

recovery and be out with the boys in a few days.

I would like to say to all members of 91 who read these few lines, that they should not pick up with all men who come along with cards without close examination. Beware, brothers, for this world is full of frauds.

Work is not of the best around this part of the country yet, although the Lehigh Telephone Co. is doing a lot of work. Everything else is dull.

I understood that Local 21, of Philadelphia, was selling tickets for some kind of a raffle for the benefit of Thomas Gilmore. Now, Mr. Gilmore may be a perfect gentleman and in need of a benefit, and 91 wishes him good luck, but to my mind he cannot square himself here until he brings back that pair of Stephens hooks he took along with him when he left the city of Allentown a few months ago.

Local 91 would like to know where Bro. Kemmer is keeping himself concealed. Wake up, brother, and let the boys hear from you.

Just a few words in poetry and then I will come to a close:

This "working" is a simple term,  
By common sense defined  
As "hustle," "get there," "shake a leg,"  
In language unrefined.

We're working something all the time,  
No matter what we do;  
But watch the "other fellow" for  
He may be working you.

Fraternally yours,

L. BUNNELL,

Asst. P. S.

### Local Union No. 96.

Worcester, Mass., May 7, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker :

Again the time to write for the Worker is at hand. I think Bro. Hall, P. S., will have something to say this month, so I will write very little, but I would like any brothers knowing the whereabouts of Bros. A. R. Goodwin, Ellis B. Avery, L. D. Bull, F. E. Poor, F. A. Margerum, T. C. Warren, H. Sorel, John Tolkerson, Edw. Palinges, Walter R. Johnson, A. A. Drabble, Frank Allard, Felix Brunnetta, R. W. Rollins, W. H. Wilder, B. A. Margerum, and a few others that I cannot think of now,

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to just tell them that Local 96 holds meetings every Monday night at 387 Main street, and some very important business comes up, such as voting away the union's funds and many others. If it is impossible for them to attend the meetings, any mail addressed to the rooms will be received and accounted for.

Am sorry not to be able to report much progress by No. 104, but this is only the third day out. I trust by three day's more it may be settled to 104's liking. I think every brother is out and means to stay. We are losing some of our members to Nos. 103 and 104, but we are getting in new ones to fill the ranks. Bro. Patterson has gone to Lowell and W. Clarke to Manchester, N. H. No local there at present. Hope to hear from Bro. Clarke, and that there is a chance for a local in his town. No. 103, see if you can find F. F. Poor. Was in Boston last heard from, also J. W. Barnes; around Brooklyn district, I think. Both brothers are inside wiremen and were in good standing when last seen.

Business rather dull in Worcester. Coloumbia, Bronn, Temple and Brooks working ten hours. Plummies, Ham & Richardson and Aaige Electric Co., nine hours. All should have a straight day of eight hours. This is written as a personal letter from S. A. Strout.

I was very glad to see in the last Worker that some of the troubles the E. B. have been getting knocked for are settled. I think we should all wait until we know both sides before we pass judgment. I think our E. B. will be able to do better work and more of it if we give them less knocks. If we are satisfied, after a good test, that any member is not the proper one for the place, let's have someone else; but we should all try and help the E. B. all we can. Judging from what I see of one little local, I think the E. B. have all they can do as it is. Hoping to see the tide flowing still stronger toward good feeling for the E. B. and the Brotherhood in general, will close my letter for the summer.

S. A. S.

**Local Union No. 98.**

Philadelphia, Pa., May 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

It is rather early as yet to hazard an opinion regarding the possibilities of our

agreement for this year being generally signed, but the greatest contingency to take into consideration is that of the men themselves.

It has become forcibly evident that the contractors are watching the men with a critical eye and some seem to have sized up the situation to the extent that they are banking upon the men in their employ proving unfaithful to their obligations, their families, and themselves.

I am firmly of the opinion, however, that what hesitation in signing exists, is brought about through the apathy displayed by many of our own members, giving the contractors the belief that the union is weak and unable to enforce its demands.

I do not mean that no signatures have been obtained at all, any more than I mean that the contractors have been injured in the rush to sign. Neither is the true existing condition. The chances are about even that we may win hands down without a struggle, or we may have to hunt scalps.

There is no danger whatever that the union will not be entirely successful if the men only remember their obligation and assert their manhood.

Let each brother go back in reminiscence to the moment he stood in the presence of his fellows and pledged his honor to do his duty as a man when called upon; to the solemn moment he stood in the attitude prescribed by the ritual, and repeated word for word the sentences, in the violation of which he forfeits his right to be held in the esteem of his brother workmen, as a veracious, honorable, upright man.

It is not to be denied that of some brothers of the local it will be said that so far as any help from them is concerned, that we have been successful in spite of them rather than by or through them.

These same brothers will afterwards come up to the meeting, pay up their indebtedness and feel that they have done their whole duty. It seems to be the lot of the few to carry the burdens of the many in every labor organization. Let us right here do a little syllogistic reasoning:

You must be affiliated with the union in order to work on any job where are working members of the Council of Allied Building Trades. This is our major premise.



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You must keep in good standing with your union in order to remain in affiliation. This is our minor premise. If you do not pay up your dues and obey the dictates of the union you cannot work in Philadelphia. This then is our conclusion.

Here you have the whole question reduced to logic. Just ponder a spell.

On the 21st of May we will have a grand wind-up smoker, the last of the season, and it is hoped that there will be a goodly attendance.

As an indication of the power that workmen have when properly unionized I would like to call the brothers' attention to the way the coal miners in Pennsylvania have scared the politicians at Harrisburg to death by their threat to march to the state capital in a body unless three bills that were introduced before the legislature receive proper consideration.

All sorts of promises are being made in an effort to stave off what would be a decided black eye for the machine politicians.

It should be observed that there is a growing disposition on the part of many moneyed people to awaken to the fact that it is as disastrous to capital as it is to labor to have continual labor disturbances caused by oppression of the latter by the former. Witness the proceedings in the Chamber of Commerce in New York May 7th, when a conference was participated in by such men as Samuel Gompers, president of A. F. of L.; Bishop Potter; Jno. Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America; Chas. R. Flint, president of the American Rubber Co.; Daniel J. Keefe, of the Illinois Board of Arbitration; Wm. H. Sayward, of the National Association of Builders; Jas. O'Connell, president of the International Association of Machinists; and Herman Justi, commissioner of the Illinois Coal Operators' Association.

Judging by the attitude maintained by many employers in and around Philadelphia they have yet to learn some of the grand truths that brainy business men elsewhere have had their eyes opened to. It seems to be the sole desire in life of many to crush the toiler to the earth, and stifle his cry for justice.

The electrical business in this city was never poorer in the recollection of many old time wiremen than it is to-day. Things

are entirely flat, not a wheel turning. There will be lots doing in a short while but for a few months past the business has been entirely stagnant.

By the time the June Worker will have gone to press there will have been a little history made in Philadelphia. June 1st No. 98 expects the new agreement to go into effect.

A party named Fort came from Boston and advertised in the Philadelphia newspapers for linemen and wiremen, expecting to take a good sized bunch back to the Hub and break the strike in progress there, but of 54 men that he rounded up and spent his good money on, when he landed in Boston he had but four. Nos. 21 and 98 had some of their good men in the bunch that went out over the Pennsylvania R. R. that night, and they did their work well.

The rat-hunter had chartered a special car, got transportation for 54 men, paid for all kinds of cigars and booze, and other incidentals.

Every man had to pay up a back board bill or get his tools out of hock or his wife needed money for groceries or some other pitiful tale was poured into the hecker's ear and he readily consented to separate himself from his good coin. He was an easy mark. He thought we farmers were good things.

Oh! what tearing of hair and gnashing of teeth was there when his men, one after another got the belly-ache, or got hungry or thirsty or had to see a friend and they dwindled away by twos and threes and left him with a corporal's guard.

How strange it was that every man who left the train got lost or something and got left.

Then when the bundles that each man had left were examined it was found that they contained a beautiful assortment of brickbats, rags, newspapers and what not.

Philadelphia is now represented in a streak from home to Boston,

Fraternally,  
CHAS. SID. ANDRES,  
Press Sec.

**Local Union No. 101.**

Brockton, Mass., May 4, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

It has been some months since Local 101 was heard from. We are not dead, but

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living. This is my first letter and I hope you will excuse me if I make any blunders. We are at present trying to get in all the inside wiremen in and around Brockton, and if things work as they are now starting out to all wiremen must carry union cards, for the carpenters and painters are refusing to work with them unless they show cards marked O. K.

As the strike is on at Boston, we request all men to keep away from this section of the country until the trouble is settled. They have been out here trying to get men, but you can rely that No. 101 will keep all men away from Boston that they can. Work is not very plentiful here at present, but if any of the brothers should come this way they will get a hearty welcome. There is going to be a conference held in New Bedford some time in June. I hope the time will come when all men will have to belong to the I. B. E. W. We ask that all men be left alone who come from Brockton unless they carry an O. K. card.

The Old Colony St. Ry. has laid off some of its men, but we are in hopes they will have work soon, and you can bet our V.-P. will look out for the boys.

As there is a bucking car on the road and the breaker is blown, I must close by wishing you all success.

W. G. SCHNEIDER,  
Press Sec. pro tem.

#### Local Union No. 104.

Boston, Mass., May 6, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

In last month's Worker I stated that we found our strength such that we thought we would look for better conditions. We have done so. April 1st we sent an agreement to each of the corporations in Greater Boston for them to think and dream over. I guess they have done so, for they have combined together and, with the exception of one or two corporations, have completely ignored us. We gave the corporations three days' grace and walked out May 4th at 7 a. m. I am happy to state for the brothers that we had only two squealers and one of them quit at noon the same day. When the members were polled these two were the only ones missing. We also found that we had forty or fifty men who did not belong to the union. They laid

dowh their tools and followed their fellow workmen and showed the manhood in them. That is the kind of stuff the men are made of in and around the modern Athens. The fight is on and is on to stay until the corporations see fit to recognize us, not only as individuals, but as a union. There will be no squirming here. There has never been any trouble in Boston before. As the saying goes, Boston is slow, but when they get started they are "holy terrors," and it will be anxiously awaited to see who can hold out the longest, the men who sit in the office and take in the money or the men who make it. The companies affected are: New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co., Boston Elevated R. R., Boston, Cambridge, Somerville, Malden and Quincy Elec. Light Companies, Quincy Old Col. St. R. R. Co. and Beachmont Elec. Lt. Co.

Charlestown has conceded to our demands and is the first company to do so. The rest are tied up as tight as a dugout in a cyclone on the prairie. It is not necessary for me to request all brothers to keep everybody away from here, as I know that you will all do your duty. We are bucking up against a pretty hard proposition, and if we come out of it on top (which I know we will), it will be a great victory not only for Boston but for the whole organization. It would have done every member of the Brotherhood good if they could have seen a little incident that happened on the afternoon of May 4th. A man named Charles Nicholson was employed by the Somerville El. Light Co. as inspector and tester of metres. He is a past lineman. They had an open circuit and the superintendent ordered Mr. Nicholson to go out and close it. He refused, stating that he was a man and not a cur, resulting in his discharge. He came later to our hall, where I introduced him, stating the circumstances. Well, brothers, it is a wonder to me the building was left standing, and it is a pretty strong one, too. These are the kind of men that win from monopolies, and Boston is full of them.

On April 14th the New England States conference met at Providence, R. I. There was a full attendance of delegates, with a rousing open meeting the night before. We were more than pleased to meet G.

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Pres. Wheeler and G. Treas. Sheehan there. To Bro. Barry and other brothers it would be impossible to thank in words for the hospitality and kindness that was shown to us there, so will not try, but when the conference is held in Boston we will return the compliment. I will not make any remarks on the conference this month, as I suppose Bro. Ahgreen, recording secretary, will do that.

I have a duty to do now that I do not like. We had a man here that we trusted; he was our recording secretary and business agent, E. W. Cameron. I understand he is well known around Brooklyn, N. Y., and Newark, N. J., at one time, I believe, holding the position of superintendent of police signals in the latter city, and I understand he worked in Brooklyn last summer. He came here with a traveling card from Local 20, Greater New York. As business agent he was instructed to collect back dues and initiation fees. He collected about \$150 and disappeared, leaving his wife and two children took out for themselves as best they could. Now, brothers, beware how you encourage a man of that kind. Any information of said man will be thankfully received by Local 104. He needs to be watched closely as, of course, he would do the same thing over again.

I hope in next month's Worker I will be able to state that our conditions are better and that no men from other places have come here to bother us. At the present time things look very favorable to our cause. On account of the closeness of going to press I am not able to give any more news, but hope next month to have news that will be very interesting.

Fraternally,

J. L. GRIFFIN,

Press Sec.

Boston, Mass., May 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Since mailing my letter I have some very interesting news. On the evening of May 7th a special car left Philadelphia with a ticket punched for 54 passengers for Boston to take the places of our men, but through the noble efforts of two brothers from Local 21, Bro. R. H. Keller, business agent, and Bro. D. B. Dean, they were all

stopped but eight, and four of them are going back to-night. The other four we will take care of. The B. E. R. R. are spending some of their pocket money now when they pay about \$500 for a special car from Philadelphia to Boston, and have watchmen every half mile patrolling their road, which covers about 750 miles. If they can stand that I guess we can.

A motorman has just started for Chicago to get 200 men. I hope Chicago will do the same as Philadelphia.

J. L. G.

### Local Union No. 109.

Rock Island, Ill., May 6, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Well, brothers, as I had so much business last month I fell short on getting a letter in, but will make a stab at it this time and tell what I know about No. 109. Am glad to say that business is extra good at our local. We got our charter opened a few weeks ago and we put four of the boys through the mysteries last meeting and will do more than that at the next, as we have seven more applications. I think that is pretty good for the Tri-Cities. There isn't very many left, only three or four, and I think they will fall in line before long. Bro. David Allbaugh, from St. Louis, is in our midst and has been giving us several good pointers on how locals are run in St. Louis, and I think it will help us along a little, as most of us have things to learn.

All the boys are working, but there seems to be no demand for men. The telephone has not started to do anything yet. For lack of news I will ring off for this time. Wishing all brothers success,

I am,

Fraternally yours,

E. E. LOVE,

Press Sec.

### Local Union No. 114.

Toronto, Can., May 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Another month has rolled around and I am at my post again. The electrical work in this district has been very slack lately. I am also sorry to say that we are not getting as many members in our local as we would like; also that the majority of those who are in, and especially those who attend every meeting, do not keep their due

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cards up to date. The brothers should know that we cannot run our meetings on charity. It is not necessary for me to say anything about the conference held in Toronto lately, for I understand Bro. Hurd has sent all the news to you before this.

Since my last letter, we have made a few changes in our officers, Bros. Pollock, Wiggins and Robinson having left us, and the new officers are, Bro. Hurd, president; Bro. Mongeau, vice-president and myself as recording secretary.

Fraternally yours,

GEO. C. PECKHAM,  
Press Sec.

**Local Union No. 117.**

Temple, Tex., May 2, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Thought I would cut in for a few lines, not seeing anything from No. 117 of late. We are still fighting the S.-W. T. & T. Co. for what we think is right and just; we are in pretty bad shape to make the fight we are making. We all could have held our jobs if we had the means, but some were compelled to return to work; they were in need of something to live on; but there are five out yet; they are true blue. We have no service here; it's on the bum proper. The new Independent Co. talks of beginning work here soon, then we will show them who will do the business.

Hello, Bro. Charles Philips, of No. 60, write to me, and brothers of 61, is there one Dick Richardson working with you? He is no good. I'll cut out.

Fraternally,

W. W. C.

**Local Union No. 118.**

Dayton, O., May 7, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I find the time for my donation to the Worker is here again. I will endeavor to give you all the latest, so here goes.

No. 118 is coming down the line in fine shape. We only have about one brother idle now and are covering the field fine, cutting in new lights occasionally. I guess we will have to increase our machine capacity before long.

We have a new light plant at Maynesville just about completed. We had a hard fight to get No. 118 men on the work, but

finally broke the ice. I hear another new traction line is on the move, but I have not full details yet. Bro. McClure takes his gang for the C. W. T. Co. to Troy to-morrow to rebuild.

Work is going along very nicely on the Springfield-Cincinnati traction, but they are not ready for the soldiers with arms on their feet yet.

Hoping this will find room in this month's Worker, I remain, as ever, with best regard and wishes to all I. B. E. W. brothers,

Yours fraternally,

THOS. FISHER, P. S.

**Local Union No. 120.**

London, Ont., May 7, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I neglected my duty last month and got called down for it. The calendar reminds me of the fact that I am running a risk again. Local 120 is still doing business and has not the remotest idea of making an assignment for the benefit of lobsterers or anybody else. Since last writing new members have been initiated, but the members are leaving the city for country construction work and the attendance at meetings is not as large as it was during the winter months.

Our secretary was in Toronto recently as delegate from Local 120 to a meeting of representatives from all Canadian locals and a brother was recommended to attend the convention in St. Louis. At our last meeting we recommended that Bro. Hurd, of Toronto, be the man.

Bros. McLarin and Smith have gone to Detroit. They are all right and will be a credit to the local there.

We have read "Old Crip's" book with a great amount of pleasure. It is all right and so is "Old Crip," to keep up such a stiff upper lip under such very trying circumstances.

Well, I will shut down.

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**Local Union No. 121.**

Denver, Col., May 4, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I was instructed to write the Worker and ask if some grand official could not pay a visit to this western country and see how we all were, but to-day Bro. F. J. Roth, fourth vice-president, dropped in on us.

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As I must send this letter at once will be unable to report on his visit, but will do so in my next.

We agreed with No. 50 on the traveling card condition and by a vote have decided to go by the constitution absolutely, so members of other locals take warning.

I have been instructed to write and ask that members who have occasion to send in items to the Worker sign their names in full. We do not think it right for a brother to use other brothers' names and then not give his own.

A good many of our members will be on the road this summer, and if they will drop a card to the F. S. about the middle of each month, giving their address and stating the names of union men with them, the last Worker will be mailed them, providing they are O. K. on the books. Our Worker is due each brother who pays his dues and I will see that he gets it.

We have sent a committee to each of the companies of Denver asking them if they will meet a committee of Local 121 to talk over things of mutual interest. All were favorable but one and their representative could not be seen, as he was out of town. It is up to us to appoint our best committee, hire a suite of rooms in our leading hotel, appoint a date and have a good old talk. We have no demands to come down flat on, but we want to show them that we are responsible, earnest wage-workers and as such feel that we should have their consideration and confidence. If they will recognize us far enough to give union men preference it would give us courage and we in return must see that none but duly qualified, thorough linemen are offered them. There are about one dozen linemen in town waiting for work and one or two traveling cards among them.

We are pestered with the hard-drinking, shiftless lineman who is broke and wants money, which he uses to buy drinks as soon as given him. Such men I for one will not tolerate, as they are a decided injury to the 99 per cent. of steady, earnest linemen of to-day. The more you give them the longer they will favor you with their presence and consequent injury. I feel sorry for them, but a workingman's pittance will only cause them more injury to themselves.

If the great temperance work of this country would only give out tickets for Keeley treatment instead of using their money in building immense buildings and holding expensive conventions, fewer of these unfortunates would be on hand to dishonor the craft.

We are having good, earnest meetings and more of the boys are finding out that they are allowed a voice as well as a seat. Let every member express his opinion and then there will not be that old complaint of a few running the meetings. If this should hit some of our old union men who have got to thinking that such is the case here, all the better. We are adding new lights every month and I will say that applications will be found handy on the F. S.'s desk every meeting night.

To-day's local paper has a good deal to say of considerable tramway trolley extensions, but as the work is still in the office cannot hold up any prospect of work at present.

Best wishes to all locals from 121.

Yours fraternally,

B. B. FLACK,  
Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 126.

Little Rock, Ark., May 9, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

No. 126 is still rocking along slowly. Our troubles with the Bell people are still unsettled, but we have succeeded in getting out all phones used or controlled by union men and will still keep up the boycott on them.

Work is very dull except in fan business. All linemen had better stay away from L. R. until our trouble with the Bell people is settled.

Something seems to have afflicted a great many of our members recently as they do not come up to the meetings and declare they have been sick when asked the why-forness thereof.

L. R. sent a union gang of linemen to Dallas to work for the light people. A pleasing requisite was a union card. Hoping to have more and better news in our next.

Yours fraternally,

P. J. D.,  
Press Sec.

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**Local Union No. 130.**

New Orleans, La., April 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

No. 130 has elected a new press secretary who will endeavor to give the brotherhood a few good articles during his tenure of office.

I suppose you know that we voted against the actions of the E. B. at our last meeting.

We are as well organized as we ever hoped, only two men doubtful in the city, though several who have paid a portion of their initiation fee have not presented themselves for the ceremony.

We wish to record the act of Mr. W. F. Ragan in hiring only men who show the card. This young gentleman is superintendent of one of the largest construction houses in New Orleans. He convinced two men that it was their interest to become union men, and we have their applications.

The bricklayers and carpenters won the eight-hour demand here last week at an increased rate per day. The lathers and laborers on buildings are still out. The lathers will win, but sorry to state that the laborers will get a reduction of one hour's pay though they only work eight hours.

GEO. W. KENDALL, JR.,  
Press Sec.

**Local Union No. 131.**

Columbia, S. C., April 25, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I send my letter early this time while I think of it. This local is very glad to hear of so many new locals coming in, but we are both sorry and glad to say that most of our brothers are going to leave us to-morrow on their toll line from Lexington, S. C., to Augusta, Ga. Charles Gross is going to push the gang. I was glad to see Bro. Jas. Wells pass through Columbia on his way to Norfolk, Va. Hope he and the brothers will have a nice time. Brothers, one thing I am glad to say is that dark skins don't go here.

There isn't much work going on here now. Some of our brothers have had bad luck. Bro. D. Camp tried to wrestle with a light pole and it threw him, but he escaped without broken bones. Our R. S. got a bruise on a pole a while back and

glad to say at last accounts he was getting along nicely and will be out soon.

Bro. Ellis Taylor tried to squeeze 3200 off an alternating circuit through the insulation and fell about 25 feet. No bones broken.

I am like the brother who told in the Worker about the members not coming to the meetings. The brothers of No. 131 should be willing to spend one or two hours each week together, pay up their dues and transact the necessary business to run the local. We have had to drop several for non-attendance, etc.

A brother from No. 21 came through and stopped over to see us. He was a good talker. If we had five or six brothers like him this local would boom. I am sorry that Bro. Jack Chambers thought I had forgotten to drop a letter to the Worker. That is all O. K.; the more the merrier. If all would write and help we would have lots of news. It is late so I'll cut out the current.

Yours truly,  
F. D. COOPER,  
Press Sec.

**Local Union No. 133.**

Detroit, Mich., May 5, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

About two months ago, I believe I said something about getting \$3 a day on the 1st of May. I was a little premature as to the date. The 1st of May has passed and as yet we have not seen anything of our \$3 per, but it is surely coming. Each day brings it closer and closer, and I think before this reaches the press it will be a realized fact. January 30th last, according to agreement then existing between local union No. 133 and the Central Electric Trades Association, we notified said association that on the 1st of May, 1901, we would want \$3 a day for journeymen and \$1.50 for helpers. They paid no attention to our communication until April 29th, when they replied that they had decided not to consider any changes whatever. We immediately answered them that as the 1st of May was the expiration of our three months notice any firms or individual wanting men after that date could obtain them by applying to our hall, provided conditions were satisfactory to local union No. 133. They in turn wanted to arbitrate,

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but not being in the humor and not thinking it best to arbitrate at that time we decided to take a vacation. If a settlement is not reached very soon we will not be the only ones on a vacation, as some of the contractors are beginning to look decidedly blue about the gills. Everything is at a standstill; not a man, helper or apprentice is working except four men on the steamer Mars for the Supply and Engineering Co. Did I say four men, God forgive me for so insulting the word man. I meant four scabs, and they would not be working but for the fact that they are kept aboard the boat day and night.

"An attempt was to have been made to do the electrical wiring for the New Avenue theater with non-union electricians, but it has been abandoned, as it would involve a stoppage of all work on the building. Electrical work in the city is at a complete standstill, the union having thus far been able to induce all new men arriving in the city in answer to advertisements, to stop work or go back home. Archer, of Cleveland, the maker of electrical signs, with contracts on hand in Detroit for four, has assured the strikers that none but union men shall be employed on his work."

The above clipping taken from the Evening News of the 9th inst., will explain the situation perhaps better than I can and show you that we are putting up as good and honorable a fight as was ever put up in this or any other country, and if any man wishes to belong to an organization that he can be proud of let him join local union No. 133, I. B. E. W.

Fraternally yours,

F. W. RAYMOND.

#### Local Union No. 134.

Chicago, May 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The past month has been a good one for our local. Work in our line plenty and applicants to No. 133 numerous. During the past week we received a message from Detroit, No. 134, stating that they had trouble and requesting all wiremen to stay away from their city. The P. S. of No. 134 answered the ad. in Chicago papers and very quickly received answers, both on same day, from the Seidler-Miner Elec. Co.

and the Michigan Electric Co. Each company was very desirous at this time of securing good inside wiremen as well as linemen at from 25 to 30 cents per hour. I don't expect they will get more than half of No. 134 at that price. The bait may lure men who are outside the I. B. E. W. I don't know anything about the trouble at Detroit, but wish all members in that city who are interested in this present fight a victory that will be lasting in its results. Success for No. 133.

In reference to prospective new members in our local, I wish to say, that an applicant is required to pass a good practical examination before he is admitted. We have had several lately who had to admit that they didn't know enough and consequently were not passed by the examining board. It makes them feel sore to have to forfeit \$5 and let us know they are not the electricians they imagined.

Well, I will cut it short this time.

From yours fraternally,

F. J. BURCH,  
Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 135.

Trenton, N. J., May 6, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

On April 1st a great many people got fooled, but I got fooled later in the month when we received our Workers and did not find anything for No. 135. The first thing I do when I receive my Worker is to look for No. 135, but last month I looked in vain. I guess I can't lay the blame anywhere but on ourselves and our press secretary, who does not attend meetings; so it falls on each and every member to write for the Worker. This month is my turn. I am not familiar with editorial work, so you will please excuse all mistakes.

Things are in funny shape here. The carpenters, masons, both stone and brick, and plumbers are out, for an 8-hour day, so business is a little slack in inside-work, but some of the shops have given in and the men went to work at 31c an hour and 8 hours a day, which gives us a little better prospects for there are several good sized buildings going up soon. There is work to be done on the new library, which has been stopped on account of strikes and there is a new 7-story building for office



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purposes, also a new armory, so there will be a little work here if everything goes on nicely. The South Jersey Gas Electric and Traction Co. is about completing its new plant and most likely that will make some changes. They have also just completed running the lines to Pennington. Oh, I tell you, brothers, Trenton is a busy place when it wants to be, but it is so long getting started at anything that it does not want to be very often.

In a very short time No. 135 will be a year old. Each and every member is looking forward to our anniversary on the 20th of June. When we first organized we were given six weeks to live. We have lived through the six weeks and a little bit over and I think we are capable of living six weeks more, for we have come to stay and stay we will.

The boys of No. 135 are doing very nicely and the local in general is prospering as well as could be expected, although our membership is small to what some locals have. What we have are good and willing to stay by the union as long as there is a union, and in my own mind I don't think that they are going out of style.

We have got to be a little more popular than we were last month. We have moved to State street, corner of Broad on the third floor, just opposite the City Hall.

I think I have said enough for this time and will close with an invitation to any member of the Brotherhood if in Trenton on a Monday night to come and see us. Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for space and wishing all the Brotherhood success, I am,

Fraternally yours,

F. L. MORRIS.

#### Local Union No. 136.

Birmingham, Ala., May 5, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker :

Another month has rolled around, so I guess I will have to write another letter to let the brothers know that 136 is all O. K. The strike is settled and all the boys are at work again, with the exception of myself, and I worked up to a week ago when I received a notice from Mr. Claypool that my services were no longer needed. He gave no reason but I have heard it was because I wrote that little article in the Worker last

month. I had a hard time to keep the boys from striking again when they heard what this man had done, but I gave them a good talk and told them to work on as if nothing had happened, but they don't seem to be satisfied yet. I think everything will come out all right. I suppose Mr. Claypool is trying to run me out of town, but will state here that I have been here 12 years, and I don't think I will leave now. I did intend to leave here in a week or so but I have changed my mind. I intend to spend another 12 years right here and keep 136 on the boom or know the reason why. I have opened up a contract shop and am doing very well. It will be a strict union shop from start to finish. If McHenry and McChaille read this let me hear from you. Hope you were lucky. I will say a word or two more and then will short circuit myself and blow the fuse, and that is for the benefit of Mr. Claypool. If that worthy gent had waited until this issue of our journal he would have seen all that was in last month's Worker that offended him taken back, although I don't see anything to take back or detriment to any one, as the piece was written and sent off before the strike was settled, but would have withdrawn it before if it had been possible, as we had agreed to bury the hatchet, but with all that I think he is a broad-minded man, don't you?

JOHN.

P. S.—So look out boys let me do the writing or you will get your heads cut off.

#### Local Union No. 140.

Lansing, Mich., April 29, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I have never been accused of being a very brilliant writer, but it seems as though the regular P. S. of every local I put my card in has just gone out of town or somewhere, and I am appointed P. S. pro tem. So, as Local 140 has authorized me to write the regular letter to our journal, I will endeavor to fill the trust to the best of my ability. As I have been here but a short time I am not up on local affairs as well as a P. S. should be, but will tell you how everything looks in this part of the world as near as possible.

First, Local 140 seems to be struggling

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along in about the same rut since Jan. 1st, or the time the Bell Co. had the big "lay off." And, sorry to say, what members that are left are not quite as prompt as to attendance at meetings as they should be when there are so few of us. But I believe from what I can see that the boys here are going to stay with No. 140, for all the reverses.

Bro. "Dutch" Schultz has returned from Mt. Clemens, where he has been taking baths for rheumatism. Glad to say our brother is improving and we all hope to see him out soon.

Bros. Groff and R. Taylor left Monday for Holland. They are with the New Co. They are square and O. K. and Local 140 loses two good brothers.

We have had a member in this local we think should be advertised some. At present he stands suspended on our books. He came in this local at the time it was organized, when it was "cheap," and, having come to the conclusion he couldn't work unless he had a card, he put his name down with the rest. He was elected treasurer at the first election of officers, holding that office about two months. He paid dues for that time, but since then has not paid one cent for dues nor has he attended a meeting. He has been at work all the time, and when questioned about it was "coming up next meeting," but he did not show up. When he was notified of his suspension, he begged the local to carry him on the books till he paid up, as he said he had had sickness in his family, etc., and the local, believing him, carried him. He left town about a month ago, saying he joined merely to hold his job, that he couldn't see any good in the union and couldn't afford to pay 60c. a month and what was back, that it would never help him anyway. His hard luck story don't go here, as we have since found out that he has had no sickness in his family and that he has 90 cents of the first dollar he ever earned. This individual answers to the name of Frank Morrell, has curly black hair, thick lips, is six feet tall, stoop-shouldered, weighs 165 or 170 pounds; age about 23 or 24. We will not stand for his acceptance in any other local till he has squared accounts with 140.

I would advise everyone to stay away

from here, as all kinds of electrical business is at a standstill. No one is doing any work and it does not look very encouraging for the next couple of months.

In conclusion, will say that we northern brothers who have no trouble and working should contribute their mite to aid the Texas brothers and sisters in their present struggle for living wages and hours. I am surprised at the way our northern brothers look at the Texas strike. They do not seem to realize how serious is the strike the Texas boys and girls are putting up against a company controlling millions of dollars.

Remember, brothers, not for themselves are they making this fight, but for all of us, and is it more than right that we, the working members of the I. B. E. W., assess ourselves 25 cents per week to aid our brothers and sisters in Texas and other districts where peace and harmony do not reign? I would like to see every local where peace prevails do this, and I believe with this encouragement to our striking members this strike would be won.

I can say from experience that the Texas people are right and will stay to the last, if it takes a year. Determination is written on each and every striker's face, and I don't see how such a body of men and women with a little help from the outside can lose. Think, members of the I. B., what this strike means. We must win. Make that our watchword and give all the help we can to reach the desired end.

I have not wrote anything for the Worker in so long that by the looks of this letter I have tried to make a "scoop" on the space in our journal; so, with apologies to Bro. Sherman and printer, I am,

Fraternally,

"KID" GILES,

P. S. pro tem.

#### Local Union No. 141.

Pittsburg, Kas., April 11, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As it is now a little over three months since there has been a word in the Worker in regard to 141, I as a member feel as though it were my duty to let our brothers know we are still on earth. We have only just enough members to transact our business, as the work here is not quite as good as it has been heretofore. We have two

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telephone companies, two light companies and a street railway, but each just carries enough men to get along with.

We received your communication in regard to No. 3, and all of the boys here believe in upholding the E. B. We had not the chance of understanding it from the appeals of Local 65 and were not in a position to either commend or condemn the action of the E. B. and G. P. The boys here could not find any fault whatever with the stand taken by our E. B., as clearly stated in your letter.

We have very few members here, but what we have are loyal to the cause, and we intend to make this no place to light unless one has a card and a good one at that.

The brothers of No. 60 have the best wishes of No. 141, and we would like to see their trouble settled favorably at once. We feel sure they will win and in the home stretch.

The boys here are very much pleased with our new Workers and never let me rest until they see them.

Our president, T. F. Cole, has been confined for the last three or four days with the small-pox and just when we can have him back among us is hard to tell. All the rest of the boys are well, excepting Treas. John Hawley, who was lately married.

I trust you will hear more from 141, but will ring off for this time. With best wishes to the I. B. E. W., I am,

Fraternally yours,

PAUL MATTINGLY,

Press Sec. pro tem.

#### Local Union No. 142.

Wheeling, W. Va., May 5, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As things are quite brisk in the metropolis of the Mountain State, I will try and let the brothers know the news. To begin with, our strike with the Bell Co. is still on and becoming warmer every day, and no prospects of an early settlement; but our trump cards are not all played yet, and, when we swing the right bower I am confident of our success. We wish to thank the brothers of Locals 39 and 14 for the noble assistance they have given us, and if all locals had such timber in their make-up

the fixer would soon have his rights. Therefore, we thank you, Bros. McIntyre and Frank Tenant for the good deeds you have done for us and we hope to be able to return the favor some day. If there were more locals with such a string of war-horses as in No. 39 we would certainly be the hottest stuff on any line. Look at what hard, faithful work and steadfast unionism have done for them. Just read No. 39's last letter; isn't it a pleasure to a fixer to know that men with cards are securing positions of responsibility and trust; and then look at the boys that are securing them. I tell you, brothers, when you get a combine like the Dooleys, the Slatterys, Gleasons, Donahues, McIntyres, Murrins, and last but by no means least, Homer Hamilton Huckleberry Hard-to-Handle Body-Belt Hicks, and have them guided and guarded by Uncle Cy and Peter Plenty Pleasure Hovis, they can't be beat. So if you would all put your shoulders to the wheel like they have done our emancipation would soon be in sight. What do you say, brothers? Let's try.

Now, as to those matters that have been given so much publicity in the Worker—I mean the muddle in the east. I wish to say after due consideration No. 142 thinks that brothers are doing wrong in putting the business of the I. B. E. W. in print, as many persons read the Worker that are not with us. If our officers have made mistakes we put them in office and have the power to change. In our estimation this thing should be fought out on the floor of our next convention, bearing in mind that right must and will prevail.

Now a little about Wheeling. Our meetings are like the weather, getting hotter every day. The goat is always hungry and is an offspring of 39's and hardy. Lord, how he can buck. He certainly does get mad when a fixer comes along that used to carry a card but don't know how he happened to get behind. He is a good fellow and all that, but he gets a dose of that goat that is liable to make him think he had better keep in line, for it is no joke to be re-initiated every few months when the goats are so fierce.

We have a new foreman, Bro. Charles White, late of Local 20, and it goes without saying he will be a good one; also an in-

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spector, Burt McCombs, the silent one, and the boys will please be careful of his ear, as he is easily shocked and very modest. Colonel Jim is also with us again and starts a gang for the Nat. Tel. Co. Good luck, Jim, is the wish of all. We have some Detroit boys here, Bros. Tim O'Brien and George Scrogy. O'Brien is the fellow that backs you up for the Standard Cable Co. No. 17, if you are all like Tim you are O. K. I would like to hear from Jack Kirby. By the way, I see that Mobile has a local again. Stick to her, boys, and don't get so hasty this time. Be guided by Felix the Great and you will be O. K. Say, Grizzley Rawlings, are you dead, or did you just quit writing. Regards to Miss Jennie and her hot biscuits.

No. 142 is preparing to give a ball and I will let you know about it in our next. There are going to be some city appointments and if No. 142 don't have a finger in this I miss my guess.

Thanks to you, Bro. O'Brien. Take good care of Clara Murphy, and may your shadow never grow less.

Speaking about that fixer on the cover of the Worker tying wire with his fingers, I saw Ace Dodge and Punch Hannigan putting on guys for the "Bum Killer" in New Orleans and all the tools they had was a small bicycle wrench, but they got there just the same. I think that picture is a evry good likeness of Bro. Bones Kennedy.

I almost forgot I am taking up too much space. Pop; there goes my breaker.

SPLICER.

#### Local Union No. 143.

Conneaut, O., May 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I will try and let you know that we are still alive and doing business at the old stand, and expect to add a few more lights to our number about the first or second meeting nights of this month. There is plenty of work around here at the present time and the boys are all digging in.

We would all like very much to hear from J. J. O'Donnell, as it has been a long time since he has been heard from up in this part of the country. There is Hon. Bro. O. O. Randall down on the Bowery telling the boys how to make a living easy and get fat. Well, boys we would be glad

to see all of your smiling faces at our next meeting and we will try and show you a good time. Now don't be afraid to come, as you are welcome at all times. As I have a loose joint and my wheels are not running right, I will cut out the circuit until next time.

Sincerely yours,  
P. H. WALLACE,  
Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 144.

Wichita, Kas., May 6, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As it is time for a letter, with your permission I will put in a few lines from Local 144.

Bro. McVay, our former P. S., has left us and has taken up new headquarters in another portion of the state and we have been unfortunate enough to miss several months.

At our last meeting a vote was cast that put me in this place, so will try to do the best I can. Local 144 is still on earth and doing business in the same old way.

We are very sorry that Bros. Green and Gee have left us and hope they are enjoying the territory.

Bro. Herrell's face looked familiar in the door of our lodge last meeting night. We hope his attendance will be more regular now so we can get acquainted with him.

This is my first attempt, just to let you know how we are getting along. My next letter, will, I hope, be a more interesting one. With best wishes to all brothers, I am,

Sincerely yours,  
W. G. FRENCH,  
Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 145.

Saginaw, Mich., April 9, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The last issue of our paper has proved a very interesting one; also very helpful. It would seem that the boys are coming to realize more and more that it is a medium through which we are to give to one another the news of the electrical industry all through the different sections of the country. It is a medium through which we are to express our thoughts, especially our ideas of unionism; what it has done, is

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doing, and what we are living in hopes of its attaining in the future. Unionism, to be successful, must be united. We cannot afford to quarrel within our ranks, but must ever make it a point to put forth a bold, united and harmonious front toward our opposition. If we have a difference of opinion, all well and good. That is what we need to put spirit and life into our movement. But in all our work, we must ever remember that there is nothing perfect in this world, that in all matters it is a case of striving, of attaining unto something. So unionism must have its ideals if it would be continuously evolving into a newer, stronger and better condition.

What we need is thinking men; not hasty, impulsive men, but calm, quiet thinkers who have the welfare of the union at heart and are willing to express their thoughts and let others have the benefit of them.

In connection with the appeal sent out by Local Union No. 65, would say that as Local No. 145 is concerned, we realize that we were a little hasty in taking action on their appeal; that since our letter from Mr. Sherman we believe that there is something to be said on both sides of the question, and to our mind it would be best to postpone any action until our next convention.

Sincerely,

WM. P. GOLDIE.

Saginaw, Mich., May 9, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The beautiful month of May is here and with it has come the bright sunshine which has turned our highways and by-ways into a beautiful carpet of green whereon we can walk with renewed energy, feeling within our hearts new hopes and new desires for the future. If the springtime has wrought great changes in nature, it has also awakened new energy in the electrical field. The season is bright with promise along the line of insidewiring, but telephone work is still holding back. The Bell people are taking their time as far as any changes in their system are concerned, while the Bartlett Illuminating Co. is practically getting along without any help.

The chances are that we will be able to

use one or two additional inside wiremen in this vicinity.

Local 145 missed the monthly visit of our Worker last month, and we are wondering what became of them.

Sincerely,

W. P. GOLDIE,

Press Sec.

Local Union No. 146.

Bridgeport, Conn., May 7, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

No. 146 is still doing business at the same old stand. Progressing as well as can be expected, with the amount of expenses we have to meet. There are a few of the boys who are not working steady, but they pick up an odd job now and then, and in that way they try and make both ends meet.

We have with us one brother that is very industrious, so much so, that he could lay down along side of work and go to sleep. Bro. Nick did start to work a short time ago and got a job by mistake. He worked from Wednesday till Friday, then he thought he would draw some money and to his great surprise he got all that was coming to him. He knew what that meant.

Bro. Jumbo is a committee of one to get up a smoker to be held the 18th of May. Every brother is invited. It will be a crackerjack. Bro. J. P. Maloney, head electrician with the Traction Co., has resigned his position.

At our last meeting, all brothers voted to assess each one enough to make \$10 to send to the Texas strikers, the very best we can do now.

Fraternally yours,

ED. MAHONEY,

Press Sec.

Local Union No. 147.

Anderson, Ind., April 29, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

We are much pleased to see and note the many letters, also the length of them, and most especially the general remarks about the prospects of work in the very near future. I regret, personally, to say that work has not as yet got the desired "hump" on itself around here, but when she does she will be good.

We made mention of the fact in the last

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Worker that 147 intended to go against the Union Traction Co. here on unionizing the men. Last Friday, April 26th, the conductors and motormen held a roaring meeting. They had 50 names enrolled as members out of a possible 65 in Andeson, and now that the ball has been set rolling it will be pushed to Elwood, Alexandria and Marion. Muncie has been organized about four or five years, and the prospects are very good for the entire system becoming a thorough union job. Although the wood-walkers have been established for some time they have not made any demands, but will very shortly. The writer just left the Union Traction and took an old job he had some time ago with the American Plate Glass Co. at a considerable advance in pay. Pay is what we are all after. Although the man I am forced to work for has a mean disposition, I am pleased to say that I am able to cope with him in any and all his arguments. I guess that some of the boys around No. 14 know him like a book, his name is Kann. Anyway he "kanin" get all he wants from me. Perhaps he might want to get a man for this factory pretty soon, so if he does No. 14 boys want to look out for him; get all you can from him for he is bad.

Perhaps Nos. 105, 93, 114 or 120 could inform me by letter or through the Worker what the chances are for street car construction work in Canada. Being a Canadian myself I am just a little bit interested and might go back again if I was offered a fair position. Kindly let me hear from you, boys, on this subject. I hailed from near Guelph, Ont.

Bro. E. L. H., of No. 17, should sign his name in full. You have voiced my sentiments to a "frazzle" and would like to shake your hand. Why don't the boys all get a letter in the Worker and let us know how you are? If it was not for the directory in the back of the Worker we would not know you were on earth, so everybody get your pencil out, borrow a knife, sharpen her up and send in a letter, not a few lines, but many. Who would not like to see the Worker with twice the number of pages in it? If it was so it would be from news and not from advertisements. Get together, boys. We regret to inform the boys that we have not been able to get our boys to-

gether, but next time we do we are going to assess some of the members for non-attendance. You can't always stay away. We must see your face in the lodge room, for we want to know what you look like just for old times' sake. We expect to have a few cards deposited with us, if not we will have to jack them up a little, as I am like E. L. H., they must live up to their obligation. Cards must be deposited. I also notice that all cards from 147 are always asked for and are deposited at once. That is why 147 does not have such meetings as we used to have, but "There'll come a time some day."

I am like Bro. Rawlings, of No. 168. We don't want to organize negroes, we want white men first, and if there is any room left, why we can unionize the negro and let him work "sky hooks" in a little union of his own, not the I. B. E. W.

L. U. 147 regrets to say to our fellow brothers in the Lone Star State that we are not in a position to forward you any financial help just now, but we all join in hoping your long and bitter fight will be won. Perhaps next meeting night may find the boys with a few iron dollars that they can send in the cause, for your success or failure is ours.

I do not know a card man in 147 who is not at work and been at work nearly all winter, also a few men that have no card, and we are after them and expect to have them hand in the price. We have some good timber among them but they lack the card.

Trusting that each and every local will have an abundance of work and good money for services rendered, and that their membership will continue to increase, as more the merrier is what the devil said when he caught the parson.

Well, good night, boys and may you all live long and be happy. Have one with me?

Yours fraternally,  
BERT MARKLE,  
Press Sec.

**Local Union No. 159.**

Madison, Wis., May 2, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Maybe some of you would like to know my whereabouts? Anyhow, some brothers of Texas will. I have been sick most of

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the winter and my health was pretty poor when I left the island about three weeks ago, coming here to Madison. Went to work for the Wis. Bell Tel. Co., and found three scabs working here in the same gang. They scabbed at San Antonio, Texas, and we were onto them and balled them out about every day. One is a brother-in-law of Jones, of Milwaukee, the high muckymuck, and he reported to him about me and of course you all know what I got. Jones got it himself the first of May, one week later. Jones is a scab lover. Anyhow, I don't think the Bell has a union man in Madison. I am now with the Laue Co. Tel. Co., where most of 'em have the little blue card. The light men are all O. K. and up to date. The foreman for the Bell here did a little of the scab act in Chicago last year, so I am told. He worked for the light.

I would like to know where some of the brothers are? I will mention Jesse James, Bruce Reed, Billy Smart, Fred Munion, Pap Burdsel, Jim Sharp, Guy Rankin, Chas. Kelso and many others whom I worked with. I wish you all would let me hear from you some time.

Well, how is 153 getting along and how do you fare? I wrote a few letters that way, but not getting any answer I thought perhaps you had all left the island.

Well, brothers, I will turn out the light for this time, wishing the best of success to all the boys who are on strike.

R. R. Tripp, push it along and let the Bell know who you are, and Mr. Sherman, don't let the boys get too hungry.

Fraternally yours,

CHAS. STEINBACH.

**Local Union No. 166.**

Winnipeg, Man., May 6, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Just a few lines from Local 166, to inform the brothers that since our organization we have been doing a quantity of work towards gaining recognition in this city. As yet we have had no replies to letters sent to all electrical firms, contractors, telephone and telegraph companies, but feel confident that our requests will be granted. Our request embraces the following: That members of the electrical

workers' union be employed on all work by them.

We are gaining new members every meeting and expect to add a bunch of six next Thursday night, May 9th.

Several brothers have left this vicinity and from reports by them they are meeting with every courtesy from the unions whose jurisdiction they are working under, which is the result of being union men, and any visiting brothers are sure of a hearty welcome in Winnipeg if their cards are O. K.

We would advise all brothers who are looking for work to keep away from here for the present as work is practically tied up. We had 15 members reported out of work last meeting, but hope to give a more encouraging report next letter. The Bell Co., according to the morning's press, state that they intend starting construction about June 1st, on trunk lines through Southern Manitoba to connect with lines at the boundary, but this will not require many linemen.

We have been informed that the Brandon Electric Co. intends building a long distance power line to supply Brandon with light and power from their new power house on the Little Saskatchewan river. We also hope to place some of our brothers on this work.

Agitation is being worked up by influential citizens toward a municipal telephone plant to compete with the Bell Co., but so far we have learned nothing definite.

Local 166 wishes all sister locals which are at present in trouble every success and prosperity. Hoping in the near future to hear that everything has been satisfactorily settled to all concerned, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

A. R. HOWARD,

Press Sec.

**Local Union No. 167.**

Bowling Green, April 29, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Local No. 167 was organized March 22nd, and is beginning to get itself in order. We missed our Worker this month and hope you will forward us a few of them.

A gang of Reserve Construction Com-

pany cable men dropped in on us last week. A dozen by count, led by the old Vet. Kent. It is a husky gang and for several days the messenger has been kept hot.

We are rounding into shape and hope to increase our membership by several new boys soon. Are having fair times around our neighborhood. Can't say how long they will continue, but hope to have it go on as long as it possibly will. Boys are all well though our few warm, sunny days have a peculiar effect on them. We will have a letter for the next Worker and hope to see it published.

With greetings from local 167 and sincere wishes for the welfare of all our brothers, I am,

Fraternally yours,  
E. P. LAWLOR.

#### Local Union No. 175.

Lowell, May 5, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

On April 14th, Bro. R. H. Bradford, of Boston, got together twenty linemen and organized a lineman's union here, and four days later he reorganized Old Local 46, so now we have two unions in Lowell.

The officers of No. 175 are:

Pres.—Guy Thomas.

Vice-Pres.—P. McDermott.

Fin. Sec.—Eli Anderson.

Rec. Sec.—James Barrett.

Treas.—R. Dwyer.

Trustees.—F. Sargent, P. Riley, R. McGinnes.

Foreman.—P. Mahoney.

We will meet first and third Tuesdays at No. 103 Central street in Bay State hall, second floor. All electrical workers welcome.

Line work in and around Lowell is not rushing, but all linemen are at work. Many jobs are held back at present on account of No. 104's demands, which have been refused, and yesterday they went on strike. The painters struck here April 1st, were out two days and got eight hours and two dollars per day. April 10th, the plasterers struck for eight hours and \$3.75 per day and are out yet. On May 1st, the carpenters struck for eight hours and \$2.25 per day. They are out yet with good results. So far we are rushing things all along the line. This is the only thing to do, to get together and stand for our rights and justice.

No. 93 I will drop in on you this summer. I have walked your wooden sidewalks before now. With greetings to the I. B. E. W., I will close for this time.

JAMES BARRETT,  
P. S. Pro Tem.

#### Local Union No. 178.

Canton, O., May 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Will try and let the brothers know what we are doing here in Canton. We organized Friday, May 3d, with the following officers elected:

Pres.—John McClelland.

Vice-Pres.—M. Boyle.

Rec. Sec.—Wm. Chase.

Fin. Sec.—John Mayne.

We have not got very many members yet, but we expect several new ones as soon as we get a hall. John Mayne has charge of the construction work.

Work is progressing quite rapidly here now, though there is not much work now for linemen but I think there will be in two or three weeks. So I think any of the brothers coming here in a couple of weeks with a good card can get work.

Please excuse all mistakes and this short letter, as it is the first.

I remain, yours fraternally,

B. H. SHEEN,

Rec. Sec.

#### VOTE OF THANKS.

At the last meeting of Electrical Workers' Union No. 153, of Galveston, Tex., the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Local Union No. 4, of the I. B. E. W., of New Orleans, La., has donated \$12.00 to our union in support of the strike against the Southwestern Tel. & Tel. Co., therefore be it

Resolved, That we express our sincere thanks to Local Union No. 4 for their kind and liberal assistance, and

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to their union, published in the Electrical Worker, and the same be engrossed on our minutes.

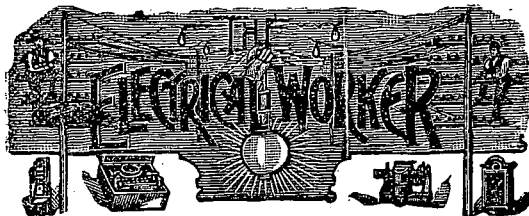
F. W. PETERS,

J. T. NIXON,

F. O. BERG,

Committee.





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## Editorial Notes.

A DONATION of \$10 from Local 99, of Providence, R. I., for the Galveston strikers, is hereby acknowledged.

LINEMEN are requested to keep away from Boston, Mass., and Wheeling, W. Va., and inside men from Detroit. Strikes on.

UP TO going to press the grand treasurer's bond has not been filed, therefore the G. S.'s signature on the expense report.

OWING to a misunderstanding on part of printer and the holding back of this summary by secretary to enable Treasurer Sheehan to sign same, it is disconnected from regular reports, which appear on pp. 13 and 14:

### RECAPITULATION.

Amount on hand April 1 . . . . .	\$2,325 61
Receipts for April . . . . .	2,932 73

	\$5,258 34
Expenses for April . . . . .	2,116 99

Amount on hand May 1 . . . . .	\$3,141 35
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Respectfully submitted,

H. W. SHERMAN, G. S.

### THE FUTURE OF THE I. B. E. W.

The rapid growth of the Brotherhood has brought out many questions for the E. B. to decide that would never have come up for adjudication but for this growth. Less than four years ago the membership of this organization was less than fifteen hundred members; to-day we have over ten thousand. With this increased membership came a larger volume of business to handle, necessitating, naturally, more help and expenses. The present E. B. has endeavored to give to the members at large a good, conservative administration. Perhaps, in the minds of some, they have failed; just let those who think this way stop and remember there

never was an E. B. of any organization which pleased every one, and there never will be, no matter how many changes we make. All that any executive officer can do is, that which he thinks the best interests of the organization, not the best interests of one local, but the best interests of all locals. Right here some brother will say, "Here's my chance to get back at the writer. The decision of the E. B. allowing certain locals to charge for examinations was not for the best interests of all concerned." Why not? Are the electrical workers any different from other workingmen? Let us look over a few constitutions of other organizations. The carpenters give New York locals a jurisdiction over a 30-mile radius of the city hall, besides allowing them to charge for cards; the tinsmiths and others allow special privileges. No hue and cry is made about that. The matter has been thoroughly investigated by them for years and they find it absolutely necessary to give them concessions in order to keep up conditions, and if the I. B. E. W. wishes to keep up with others it must profit by the experience of the old heads in the labor movement. The majority of the members have wisely let the decision stand until our next convention, when the members of the E. B. can defend themselves. No member of the Brotherhood can expect an executive officer to be minus of manhood and cater for re-election on the board and be afraid to decide questions submitted for fear some member will vote against him at our next convention. Any man who is in the labor movement for what he can get out of it is an unfit man for his position; any man who will willingly feed on the dry dust of others' opinions is not worthy of the support of the members. If a position on the E. B. calls for any sacrifice of honest opinions we are sure there are not many men who wish to be executive officers. It is with great satisfaction we have seen the Brotherhood grow until to-day we are classed among the leading labor organizations in this country; but let us not stop where we are; there are many men still out of the fold and it will require a concerted effort all along the line to get them with us. It can not be done by throwing mud at each other. During

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the last year the official journal has done good service as an organizer, and for that reason we have endeavored to keep it as clean as possible. In spite of the precautions on our part, things have crept into its columns that have a tendency to disrupt. No man who has the welfare of this Brotherhood at heart wants it disrupted, for he knows without an organization behind him it is only a question of time when his wages will be lessened, and if a brother is honest with himself his thoughts will be on the future of the organization, for he well knows the stronger the I. B. E. W. the better the chances are for higher wages and shorter hours. So it stands us in hand to use our best endeavors toward building up the Brotherhood, working untiringly, unceasingly, for the best interests of all, and remember, men may come and go, but if our Brotherhood is built on a solid foundation it will live forever.

#### BUILDING STRIKE.

A tie-up of the building industry of Detroit is threatened. The Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, No. 133, now on strike, belongs to the Building Trades Council, and the minute the electrical contractors attempt to put to work a force of non-union electricians the members of all the other trades connected with the same organization will refuse to do a stroke of work until the obnoxious men are removed. It is the same trouble that confronted the building contractors of Chicago last year, when the building industry was paralyzed and millions of dollars of work held back.

"We have mapped out our course," said Business Agent Jenkins. "If non-union men are employed we will first attempt to induce them to quit. If that has no effect, then the foreman will be asked to lay them off. That failing, the contractor, the architect and the owners of the building will be respectively appealed to. If all these fail, then the Building Trades Council will immediately call out the men on the job, and no union man of any trade will be allowed to do a stroke of work.

"We have lived up to the spirit and the letter of our agreement with the contracting electricians. Three months ago we officially notified them that on May 1 a new scale of wages would go into effect; but

they paid no attention to it, and only a few days before the raise was to become operative did they deign to communicate with us. Then it was an absolute refusal to even use the means laid down in the agreement to prevent a strike. Later they relented so far as to ask for an arbitration board, but they had let the time for repentance go by.

"We have notified them that if they would put the new scale into effect for a week we would meet them half way and arbitrate the difficulty, but they have refused.

"The strike has now lasted a week without a man of the union going back to work. All the electricians who have come to town have dropped work on being advised of the situation.

"I have consulted with Judge Donovan, and he informs us that we are within our legal rights as regards the agreement, and so far as we see there is nothing left but to fight it out."

#### CARD OF THANKS.

St. Louis, Mo., May 7, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I wish to express through the columns of your paper my sincere thanks to the officers and members of Local Union No. 2, for their sympathy and assistance to me during the sickness and death of my husband. May the Lord always be with the entire organization and especially with Local No. 2. I remain,

Most sincerely yours,

MRS. SARAH LAMONTAGNE,  
1510 Lafayette Ave.

A circular received from the office of the American Federation of Labor contains the following significant statement:

"The fact that during the past year more than four thousand new organizations, comprising nearly 350,000 members, have entered into the great family of trade unions grouped under our banner, is a fact that cannot fail to enkindle some slight spark of hope even in the breast of the most down-trodden toiler, and is one that inspires renewed energy and enthusiasm in the hearts of all who are bravely fighting in the vanguard of the grand army of labor. But exult as we may over past suc-

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cesses, the time has not yet come when we can relax our efforts in the least.

"Every man and woman who wins his or her daily bread by the wages of labor must be organized in their local unions, these must be attentive at meetings, take part in all discussions, and in their daily walks exemplify the saying "Labor is noble and holy" by patronizing the label.

#### **FORGIVE AND FORGET.**

There has been a controversy between Locals 121 and 113 for some time and it waxed so warm an executive officer was sent to investigate. This is the report submitted by him:

Denver, Col., May 6, 1901.

To the Officers and Members of L. U. 121 and 113, of the I. B. E. W., Greeting:

After carefully investigating the trouble now existing between Local Unions 121 and 113, and after conversing with the brothers directly interested in this controversy and other members of the above locals,

I find that there are so many conflicting statements and opinions that it would be unjust and impossible to place the blame upon any individual or set of members, and therefore it becomes necessary for me, as one of the E. B., sent to your city to investigate this unfortunate affair, to order Local Unions 121 and 113 to cease this controversy as nothing good can be accomplished by a continuance of the same; and I would also order that all accusations, charges and fines resulting from this unfortunate affair be set aside and all brothers so accused and fined be placed in the same standing as they were previous to said trouble and given working cards in place of the permits now issued.

I would also suggest that all matter pertaining to this affair be destroyed and excluded from the minutes in order that the affair may be forgotten as soon as possible.

In conclusion, I desire to call the officers' and members' attention to the constitution and request a strict observance of its provisions; and I feel certain the locals and members will profit by so doing.

Thanking the brothers for the many kindnesses and courteous treatment, I am,

Yours fraternally,

F. J. ROTH,  
5th Vice-Pres.

## **TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY**

### **Local Union No. 2.**

St. Louis, Mo., May 5, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

In my letter of March 10th I said that ex-Bro. J. Gallagher's successor at the Imperial was not a friend of union labor. I must have been misinformed, as some of the boys say he will not have any men working for him unless they have cards. If this is true I stand ready to make apologies to Bro. Gallagher's successor.

In my letter of April 8th some of the boys misconstrued my meaning in regard to the trunk being broken open and books torn up. I meant that we had some members that were worse than any traitors that ever lived as they tore up our books and caused lots of trouble. The supposition is they did it because we took those unfair men in our local. As yet we have not found out who are guilty.

Our president, T. A. Warne, has resigned from the chair and we have elected Bro. B. McCoy to fill the vacancy. I hope he can keep order and command the respect of the brothers.

Press Sec.

### **Local Union No. 8.**

Toledo, O., May 9, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

At a special meeting held last night we decided to enforce our new agreement with the contractors, and we have a committee out to-day to get signatures on same. Five of the contractors have promised to sign and the prospects of getting the rest are very favorable. The agreement is to go into effect Saturday morning, May 11. After that date, if all goes well, we will be working eight hours at \$2.50 per day, and the members will all be working in strictly union shops or not at all.

We have certainly had our troubles in the past by working in open shops. Some shops would keep one or two union men and when they had a union job they would put these men on it, and when they did not need union men they would send out some of their cheap help and, although the business agents from the C. L. U. and B. T. C. tried their best to help us along, they were always handicapped by these

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conditions. But all this will be changed in our new agreement, if we make it stick, and I don't think there is any doubt but what we will.

Work here is not very plentiful just now, but all the boys are working except one.

Bros. Garryott and Carroll, how goes it with you? We haven't heard from you in a long time. Charley, the boys had one of their star chamber sessions last Monday night after the meeting and when they got ready to go home they found the door locked, and I understand they had quite a time getting out, but they finally managed it. It seems the janitor thought everyone had gone and he locked up and went home.

Well, brothers, this is my busy day and I will have to cut out for awhile.

M. C. L., Press Sec.

#### **Local Union No. 9.**

Chicago, May 8th, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

A short letter this time, owing to pressing needs in other avenues, viz, more money. A raise of 25 cents per day for all linemen in Chicago is our move, and before the ink of the press is dry on the pages of this journal we will have it. Time and tide wait for no man, so with the forelock at hand we lose no time to grasp it. The E. B. can boast about \$4 per day in Chicago all they want, but I can show them something in connection therewith of which they know nothing. What No. 9 has she, and she alone, got, holds and commands.

Some of our secretaries, grand and local, look with contempt upon the referendum vote. The truth is, and the E. B. knows it, that their argument will not hold argument. This question put off until our next convention is their plea. At that time our humble servant will strive to have the illegitimate vote of the organizations with him, but I say drive slow and learn to peddle. It is not the wish of No. 9 to injure any worthy officer or brother. But don't try to move something with a lever without a fulcrum. The wires of Chicago are getting hotter every day. Five thousand volts was considered pretty ticklish to handle, but 10,000 volts are coming. No sleet will hang on there.

Bro. John Carrol, our organist and min-

strel lineman, got caught on the 2,000-volt alternating circuit April 24th last. That the treasurer was not called upon for the \$100 death claim is a miracle. He lay unconscious struggling for life strapped to a bed and four strong men holding him for twelve hours. Nothing but the hardy constitution of a lineman would be equal to the task. As it was, 400 called at the hospital last Sunday with joyous congratulations and enthusiasm over his recovery. Bro. Carrol is out and around, but it will be some time before he will, if ever, fully recover. It was a close shave for the musical idol of our craft.

You may talk about adding new lights, if more new locals don't start up in other parts of the state all the linemen will be in No. 9. Our business agent, Bro. E. A. Jackson, is a hustler. We have every man working all the time, and when through with his labors committee work of some kind requires his attention. If every organization could interest all the brothers in this work wonders could be accomplished. Oh, for one hour of honest effort by all, then a monument of powerful and perpetual influence in subduing the irrational prejudices and passions of human nature would be tempered. This is a good lesson and a patient rebuke to the tumults of the past.

Respectfully,

P. E. CULLINAN, P. S.

#### **Local Union No. 16.**

Evansville, Ind., May 6, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

At our last regular meeting your humble servant was duly elected and installed as recording and press secretary, so if Bros. Tyner and Cunningham see this, they can rest assured that one of "old sixteen's stiff" has at last wakened up and will try to keep them informed as to the happenings in this town.

At our last regular meeting we took in a candidate, Wm. Ernst, once a member of the old No. 12. At a special meeting yesterday (Sunday), we initiated another wire fixer. We have two applications in the hands of investigating committees and one more in prospect for next Monday night. Let the good work go on.

Bro. Dick Jessup came through here from his home at Carver, Ill., where he

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has been recuperating after a siege with a broken leg. He was en route to St. Louis.

At our last meeting we voted \$15.00 to the brothers and sisters in Texas. All honor to them for their staying qualities.

Most of the boys are out of town at present. Bro. Ed. Cavin has a gang between here and Mt. Vernon, and Bros. Abe Hartley and Clarence Kern have gangs in Kentucky.

A short time ago I was shown a copy of a social-labor paper published in New York city, a marked copy of which was mailed our president. The name of the sheet I cannot at present recall, but it contained a most scurrilous roast of three of our grand officers. How much of it was true? You have doubtless seen the article, some of you; so let us hear from you.

The city electrician job is still hanging fire. Don't know exactly what is the matter, but have a very good idea. One of our boys has in an application for the place, but the old incumbent still hangs on. The present mayor promised us that if any change was made a union man would be appointed, but from present appearances it looks as though it was going to be like a number of other political promises.

Bro. Henry Boleber, of No. 2, blew in this morning and is going to stay a while.

As this is the first I have written for publication for some years, I will ring off.

Fraternally,

WILL F. CLARKE.

#### **Local Union No. 17.**

Detroit, Mich., May 10, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The time has come again to let the brothers at large hear from us. We are very quite these days, but we are doing business just the same. We received a visit from our Grand President on the 29th of last month. All the brothers were glad to see him. He gave us quite a talk on the eastern trouble, especially New York. The explanation was a good one but there are some things we do not understand very clearly yet, but I guess we will all be understood at our next biennial reckoning day. We also gave our Grand President quite a talk, too, in explanation of the differences between Nos. 17 and 133. Right is right, and wrongs nobody. We believe we are right and just as long as we are of

that opinion we are going to contend for our rights, but we have decided to let the matter rest for the present. We have members in No. 17 who are married to No. 17 and who rather than get a divorce and be transferred, have expressed themselves very strongly in favor of giving up the ghost and dropping out. I do not know exactly why this is, do you? And I cannot see how these members come under the jurisdiction of No. 133. But if they refuse to transfer we will throw them out.

But why all this contention. We have conventions to settle all of these matters and disputes, and if the conventions are too far between draw them up about half. The coming convention, we believe, will be the most important in the history of the brotherhood. Let every local send their best men, thoroughly instructed, and let our constitution be so amended that it can and must be lived up to by all alike, be they executive or local. Let no man or set of men be privileged to deviate therefrom. We believe in equal rights to all and special privileges to none. If any question arises that cannot be settled within the limits of the constitution, let it be left to a referendum vote of each member of the brotherhood. We believe that after a thorough explanation of any matter of importance the entire brotherhood is competent enough to decide. We have one man commissions in Detroit but we do not believe in one man executive boards.

I wish it thoroughly understood that I am not casting any reflection or reproach on our worthy executive board, for I believe they have tried to do their duty to the best of their ability and knowledge, with the best interests of the organization at heart; but it is a hard matter to please all, so we think it would be better to please the majority. We may be on the minority side but let us live up to the majority decision. With these conditions, we believe the business could be transacted with more satisfaction to all, and with less dissension in our ranks. I believe that now has come the most important as well as the most critical time in the history of our organization. Much depends upon the member's at large, upon the up building of the Brotherhood, and last, but most of all, upon our next convention.

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There is more work for our craft throughout the country than ever before. There are more men coming into the craft. There is great need of more, and better, organization. Therefore, I say, much depends upon the members at large. Each month brings many new workers in our midst; some are willing and anxious to join hands with us, but what of those who wander about with no craft home? I hear you say it is not my fault I gave him an application but he did not fill it out for me. But I say, did you help him to see the point? He may take your place some time, and it is better that you take some time and explain the object to him. Did you tell him the advantages to be gained by being a member of the I. B. E. W.? Did you explain the noble aim of the brotherhood and the fraternity existing among us. Did you tell him, when after tramping many miles down the pike without a cent in your pocket, the pleasure it gave you to be recognized by a sign and a glad hand; to feel that you had at last found a brother who would not see you go hungry, and who would make you acquainted with the boys, and good boys, too? You who have lived and worked in one city all your life do not know this. Did you explain all these and many more facts to him, my brother? Did you speak to him like a brother, just as you would like to be spoken to? If so, and after he had had time to reflect on what you had said, did you ever approach him on the subject again? I thought not, well, you had better do so; you may be in a great part to blame if that man ever takes your job and becomes a scab. I know we often have them say to us "O, I'm all right, I'll stay with the boys, I'm a union man at heart." But he is not, will not, and cannot be; it is impossible. He does not know the object and aim of the brotherhood. He does not know the conditions in the city in which he may work, to say nothing of the conditions throughout the country. Never believe a man when he says he is just as good as a union man. You know it is not so; it is a lie. It is said in the book of books, "He who is not for me, is against me." The same is true in our brotherhood. He who does not help to share the burdens and responsibilities of

the brotherhood which is striving by all fair means to gain better conditions cannot appreciate an advantage when gained. Perseverance must be rewarded. Let us try again. All things come to him who waits, but he who goes after it has the first choice.

The People's Telephone Co. of Detroit have begun operations here on the underground construction, but it will be some time before there will be any line work, as there are no poles in sight yet. I understand any amount of them are ordered. We will be happy when they get down to business, as we have several brothers out of work. Detroit has her share of Texas scabs. We are able to fill large orders.

We would like to hear from No. 136. How did you come out with your strike.

We were pleased to receive a visit from Bro. Tim O'Brien some time ago. Come again Tim. Bro. Frank Hope, of No. 75, is out of the hospital and Bro. Jim Murray is on the mend.

Having been unavoidably called from home for several days just as I had begun my letter and not being at last meeting, I am quite late and not posted in regard to sick brothers, and will otherwise have to cut my letter short. Hoping to be excused this time, I will try and have all the news next.

I have been requested by Bro. R. C. Denman, of No. 34, who I met in Toledo at the funeral of his beloved mother, to express his sincere thanks to the boys of No. 34 for the sympathy and many acts of kindness shown him in his late bereavement. I will also say to the boys of No. 73 that Bro. Geo. E. Denman arrived in Toledo at the end of his long sad journey in time to attend the funeral of his best friend, his mother. Being related to these two boys, they are more than brothers to me, and I was much pleased at the accounts they gave of their respective locals, and their brother members, and the fraternity that existed among them; also amused at an account of the initiation ceremony and goat of No. 34. I hope that the general good feeling that exists in both these locals will last for ever. I wish you success, 34 and 73.

Fraternally,

E. L. H.,  
Press Sec.

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**Local Union No. 25.**

Terre Haute, Ind., May 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

We are still doing fine business and have hot old meetings every Wednesday night at our new quarters, 8th and Main streets. A liberal donation of \$38 was raised among the boys and sent to Waco, Tex., along with the name of every one who donated. We sincerely hope this money will be of use to the boys and help them to win out.

Work is quite brisk here this spring and everyone seems quite satisfied as yet, but it won't be long before we will have to have more money or bust in trying to get it, but if we ever do get good wages we will not put a heavy examination fee, nor higher initiation fee, on traveling cards, to keep good, honest brothers, out. So rest assured, brothers, that every old card coming this way will be welcomed and taken care of.

Well, brothers, it is late, just got home from meeting, and as I am at a loss for words, I will throw the switch and try and do better next time.

Yours truly,

H. STREETER.

**Local Union No. 61.**

Los Angeles, Cal., May 1, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Just received last month's Worker and while reading certain letters feel inclined to say a few words.

First, concerning L. U. 134. The P. S. of said local states he sees no good cause for the hue and cry concerning the fee for admission by card; neither do I, provided it is put to a vote before all the locals and the majority reports favorably.

Concerning Bro. Daman's generosity, leaving \$50 in Chicago and \$10 in Buffalo, would invite him to 61, as our treasury is rather low.

It seems to me, all that is left for other locals is to do the same thing, and charge members of those certain locals the same fee, by admission through card to other locals. Now, this would breed discord, and by all means we should be in harmony for the good of the order.

Second comes our Canadian brother of No. 114, with a somewhat breezy letter, as his feelings are seemingly hurt. Now, we

all differ, and I for one, and many others that I know, cannot look at the South-African war as Bro. Hurd does. About two weeks ago an escaped Boer prisoner (Gen. Krige) happened to give a lecture in this city, and he told some blood-curdling history concerning the English side. They are no angels, either. So, Bro. Hurd, look at this war with a broader view and don't let your strong nationalism get the upper hand over your better nature.

Our order is against oppression, and I suppose that is the reason why the E. B. passed the resolution already mentioned, never thinking that it might cut our Canadian brothers. So stay cool and hang together.

Fraternally,

W. GREVE.

**Local Union No. 77.**

Seattle, Wash., May 2, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Plenty of men and not enough work to keep all busy is our story this month, the effect of advertisements exhibited by railroad companies and others and the city is filled to overflowing with mechanics of all kinds. We still maintain our scale of \$3 for eight hours, and we can do that if we can't all keep at work. Electrical workers who come here to get work will come to a quiet town, not that there is little work here, for there is as much as any town in the country for its size; but there are too many here to do it. Electrical workers are as thick as bones in boneless codfish. Local No. 77 has 138 members in good standing and more to come. Our treasury is in a good substantial condition and we now have under consideration a proposition to add free doctor service to our benefits.

The Labor Temple which the affiliated labor bodies of the city are building, is now well under way, and next Labor Day we expect to celebrate between our own walls and under our own roof.

Bro. Sam Weipert has taken out a traveling card and expects to go east. Bro. Weipert is one of our oldest members. For two terms he has been vice-president and has always had our greatest respect and confidence. Wherever Sam places his card some union will be strengthened by one of the best union men that ever

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"clum" a pole. It has been said that Sam will return in a few months with a wife. We all hope so, and if he does Local Union No. 77 will rise to a man and congratulate the young lady. May your days of wedded life be many and happy, may good luck and prosperity follow you and the best wishes of the Seattle local are always with you.

A great deal has been said, and as much more remains to be said in regard to the E. B.'s recent decisions and differences between locals. We have received numerous communications and at first took some action on them all, but now we let them all alone. Nothing can be done until the next national convention, and then we hope to see everything settled peaceably, if not satisfactory to all.

There is a movement on foot to hold a convention of coast locals. No. 77 enters heartily into the project, as concerted action of this kind is the only way in which we can successfully deal with companies that reach all the coast towns.

We are still waiting and hoping to see the grand president come out here. There is a large unorganized field in the West that only needs an organizer to bring these towns into line.

COOLEY,

Press Sec.

### Local Union No. 80.

Norfolk, Va., May 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

If any one wishes a job that will get a hustle on old Father Time, let him secure a position as press secretary of some union. It seems to me I will never be able to get out a letter on time.

As Local No. 80 understands it, a mistake has been made in regard to the resignation of P. H. Wissinger. In the first place, if he did anything that justifies the action of the E. B. in asking for his resignation, it was the duty of the E. B. to notify every local as to the extent of his sin that they may be on their guard just as they would against any other brother. Then, again, if he did not do anything, there is more reason why the locals should be notified that they may not hold the brother under suspicion.

We call ourselves somewhat lucky for having the brother familiarly known as Happy Tom Davis with us last month. In

fact, he is here yet, working for the Southern States Tel. Co. in place of a sun-burned American.

Bro. Bob Woods and a brother from Baltimore are here. Bob has charge of the wiring in the Piney Beach hotel. We are glad to have them with us if we did have to go after them. Then there are Bros. Strange and Wright from No. 48, also replacing bur-heads with the Sou. States Tel. Co. Bro. Wells rolled in here the other day from No. 84. He is with the Sou. Bell. Bro. Overstreet, from No. 165, is also with the Sou. States Tel. Co.

I don't know if other locals are bothered in the same manner or not, but No. 80 has had considerable trouble because of the failure of the financial secretaries of other locals to report a brother when he deposits his card. It is something that should have more prompt attention, and where a local so fails to report a brother and by doing so they cause him to lose his benefits, said local should be held responsible to the extent of the benefits. For instance, Bro. W. C. Alley left here last year sometime, went to Baltimore, and from there to Philadelphia. Now, his card must certainly have been deposited in 27, 28 or 98; yet we received no notice of it. As a result, have been carrying him on our books as suspended when, according to a letter which the writer received from him, he has been keeping himself in good standing in No. 98.

We are taking up a collection for the Texas boys. It will be completed next Tuesday night, when it will be forwarded to Bro. Tripp.

We have a label committee out working this section to a finish. This committee wishes every local in towns and cities where the headquarters of different unions are located would please have them send us some matter with which to advertise their labels.

I thought, according to our constitution, that when a majority of the brothers decided that a thing should be a certain way that it would be as they desired. But it seems that some of our locals can do as they please. For instance, No. 119 can give a negro a card and send him out on the road, regardless of the fact that the I. B. E. W. decided they were not essential



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to our welfare, therefore not eligible to membership.

I see that No. 20 has had the honor of a visit from his majesty, from 119. If this should meet his lordship's eye, I hope, for his sake, he will take my advice and stay away from Norfolk. I am like Bro. Woodworth, of No. 136, except that instead of being born in Michigan, I was born in old Virginia.

Wishing all the other locals equal, if not greater, success than No. 80 is and has been enjoying for some time, I will close, as it is 1 A. M. and our worthy president, Winn, has just come in.

C. W. BREEDLOVE,  
Press Sec.

### Local Union No. 99.

Providence, R. I., May 9, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As this part of the Western Hemisphere is seldom heard from, I thought I would assume the responsibility for just once during 1901 of letting the rest of the brotherhood know that Providence and Local 99 are both still on the map. No. 99 has quite a large membership, but it does seem as if some of the members were dead ones, for we hold some rather delicate looking meetings and our press secretary must be down in Wall street buying Northern Pacific stocks every week that it is time to send in a letter to the Worker, as he is so busy.

Well, brothers the New England conference was held in this burg April 14th, and I think you will hear from it in the Worker. There was a hot old time between debates and parliamentary rules, and I hold my ears even now when I think of it, and it was nearly a month ago. I was a delegate from No. 99. Boston was represented, you know, from two locals, so it is no wonder we heard parliamentary rules.

We are thinking of opening our charter for 50 days, as there are a lot of fixers here who are poor and we will try and cut down the initiation fee a short time and see if that will be any inducement to them. There are quite number of fixers here from other parts of this old ball of mud and I will give the names of a few that I can think of who have had their patent leath-

ers soiled with dust from traveling before now. There are Bros. J. Dannier, Chas. Smith, John Freeman, Chas. Swanson, Wm. Sedgley, one inside joiner by the name of Denver, from Indianapolis, Atlanta, New Orleans and most any old place; good member, too, and there is one Louis G. Neff here, but the people in this local were not built to order for him, some of them anyhow, so he won't join it until they die or go away. And there is one Hughie Chisholm here who was around New York, Newark, N. J., and Boston for a number of years. He is all to the good, too, and is going to tumble in with 99 as soon as it is possible for him to do so. Oh, yes, there is one Benny Young here, too, with all kinds of cards in his clothes, blue ones, yellow ones, green ones, in fact, they are all the colors of the rainbow, and they all come from Springfield, Mass., although Benny just came from the Big Smoke a short time ago. He did not say he worked there.

I nearly forgot, how are you, 44? I see you are still in the ring, but slightly disfigured, and how is 101 State street these days and J. McGuire, and how is Joe Keegan, he that peddles out the high ones to the fixers for J. McGuire. Tell Eddie Mulvey, I have lost myself sure this time. Oh, Eddy, they come high, but we must have them, the Qs, I mean.

If one Colon Chisholm happens to see this, I wish he would write me soon. The one that took the 1200 mile trip around the country for the good of his health last year about this time.

Now, Mr. Editor, as I have been slinging the quill for some time, I will call a halt.

Yours fraternally and respectfully,  
J. A.

### Local Union No. 119.

New Bedford, Mass., May 7, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Oh, what would we do, Harry, without a telephone? I only hope that that the linemen here will be used all right, so that nothing will happen to our line. Of course you know, if we didn't have linemen and electrical workers, we couldn't have a telepeone and couldn't talk together when you are far away from New Bedford. It must be awful hard work to be a line-

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man, especially down on Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard in the middle of the winter, when it is so cold, and I know you know what it is, poor boy; you have to work so hard.

Harry—"Well, I don't work very hard now; just watch my men and see that they earn their two forty. They're worth it, they are all union men.

Wife—"Are you?"

Harry—"No."

Wife—"Why don't you join Local 119, Harry?"

Harry—"I don't want to. I am satisfied. I'm a boss."

"Hello, there! is this the office, New Bedford?"

"Yes."

"Well, give me the long distance."

"Hello! long distance. Give me Rochester, N. Y."

"Who do you want in Rochester, N.Y.?"

"I want the office of the Electrical Worker."

"What's the number?"

"I don't know; ask the operator in Rochester and she will get them O. K. She knows."

"All right, I will call you when I get them. Who is it that wants to talk?"

"The press secretary of Local 119, New Bedford, Mass."

"All right."

(Waiting.)

(Telephone rings.)

"Hello! Who is this?"

"This is the office of the Electrical Worker, Rochester, N. Y."

"I want to talk with the Editor."

"All right; here is the Editor."

"Mr. Editor, this is the Press Secretary of Local 119, New Bedford, Mass."

"Well, what can I do for you?"

"I want to tell you how we are getting along down here in New Bedford. We held a meeting this evening and everything is going along all right for a young local. Of course, at present we haven't got very many members, but what we have are the best in the city and all good, honest fellows, willing to stick to each other, and to any union man, and are all interested in everything concerning the union and ready to stand by any square proposition.

We are trying to get the Fall River boys to come in and I think we will succeed in time, although now is the time we want them. We appointed a committee of three to call on them this coming Saturday night. May 10th we want them most. Now is the time; we are all going to stick to our brothers in Boston as they are up in arms just at present and may need reinforcements.

"Our president, Collins McCloud, was in the chair as usual this evening. I am glad to say that he has only missed one meeting since the 1st of January, something I cannot say about myself.

"Little Jim is in fighting trim and is ready to fight to a finish even with a plate of chop suey, one of his favorite dishes; but above all he dearly loves to eat glass insulators. He never feels the effects. Well, I will come to a close now, saying that we will stick to our Boston brothers and not only them, but any body of union workmen."

Respectfully,

JIM DIXON,  
Press Sec.

### Local Union No. 127.

Battle Creek, Mich., May 5, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Once more I will try and let you know how we are coming on. They came rather slow last meeting night. We received a visit from Bro. Kid Giles, of Local 140, and hadn't members enough present to open the meeting.

Brothers of Local 127, there will be a meeting every Friday night at Trades and Labor hall, corner Main and Jefferson streets. Please come up once in a while.

We have issued three traveling cards in the last two weeks, to Bros. Thos. Reddy, Hayden Beatty and F. Whitcomb. They are all right, union men to the backbone.

Our financial secretary, Art. Robinson, has been laid up with a felon. Old Babe has suffered some, I guess, but is getting along all right again.

There is no work in B. C. to speak of, but I understand the Jackson Light and Power Co., of Jackson, Mich., is about to begin building a \$250,000 plant. At that plant will be installed one of the largest set of dynamos in the state.

We have no local in Jackson, and I think

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there ought to be an organizer sent to Jackson before long. Jackson is a city of about 25,000 population, larger than either B. C. or Lansing, which both have locals. Why not have a local union in Jackson?

Well, brothers, when you strike our town with a good paid-up card, call on Bro. R. L. Nogglo at the Battle Creek Electric Co., if you are looking for work. He is our business agent.

Bro. Billie Blister, away over across the briny deep in Honolulu, why don't you write to old Slab? You promised me you would, you know.

That's all for this time.

Yours fraternally,

EDD. WORDEN,

Press Sec.

### Local Union No. 138.

Fort Wayne, Ind., May 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As the time has come for another letter, I will try and let you know what is going on in Local 138. All the boys are doing their best and things are going along nicely. At our last meeting three new lights were added to our circuit, Bros. Wm. H. Harper, Wilson and Wm. Yageslehner.

Bro. R. W. Erickson has quit the electrical business and moved to Grand Rapids, Mich., where he has started a commission house. Bro. Erickson, all the brothers of 138 wish you a grand success.

Bro. J. C. Coligan, who has been working for the Ft. Wayne Traction Co., has resigned his position to go into the electrical contracting business.

Bro. Geo. Wagner has been on the sick list for a few days, but is improving.

Bro. Andy Miller thought he was smart and got married. All the brothers were wondering what was keeping him away from meetings on Thursday evenings, but they all know the cause now. Bro. Miller, we all wish you a long and happy life, but to square yourself you must bring a box of cigars with you to next meeting.

Bro. James McCormick is working at Huntington for a few weeks. Bro. Ollie Haas, after spending a few weeks with his parents at Kendallville, has returned to his work at Pittsburg, Pa.

Work in Ft. Wayne is not rushing, but all the brothers are busy, so I will ring off.

FRANK X. STAUB,

Press Sec.

### Local Union No. 151.

San Francisco, May 7, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

No word from 151 appearing in these columns of late is not due to our fading from existence or anything of that sort. Far from that, for we are the liveliest set of dead men you ever saw. The fact of the matter is that our press secretary's office has been vacant, or practically so, ever since our strike of December, 1900, and the matter was neglected for that reason. I will say for the benefit of the press secretary of No. 61 (with thanks) that the poke in the slats he gave us about our reports in the Worker must have had their desired effect; and I also note that we are not the only ones whom he aroused in his gentle manner.

After our strike of last December we met with some trouble in inducing men to join us who were working for non-union companies; the Telephone in particular. But, brothers, I am proud to say, on behalf of my fellows, that their efforts have proved successful to no small degree in that respect. While at present we haven't quite control of all the business in San Francisco, I feel confident in saying that the near future will find our position such that our word will be law to the once tyrant companies.

Our sentiments relating to the action of the E. B. in granting special privileges to certain locals in allowing them to charge unreasonable entrance fees to members of the Brotherhood are in hearty sympathy with those of 61 and many others.

On the 17th of May a grand ball will be given by 151 for the benefit of one of our brothers who recently lost one of his eyes, at the result of an operation which he was forced to undergo. We hope it will be a brilliant success.

As this is my first attempt at writing I crave your pardon, brothers, this time, for my errors and briefness. In closing will say that it is with great pleasure that I submit to the Brotherhood the names of our honored officers:

President—A. C. Johnson.

Vice-Pres.—F. P. Noonan.

Rec. Sec.—J. F. Leonard.

Fin. Sec.—P. McSweegan.

Treas.—W. H. Phillips.

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Insp.—J. Rice, L. J. Wiseman.

Foreman—P. Flinn.

Trus.—F. F. Murphy, J. Farrell, F. H. Smalley.

Yours respectfully,

R. W. SCOTT,  
Press Sec.

### *In Memoriam.*

Resolutions adopted by Local No. 9, I. B. E. W.:

Whereas, In the death of our brother, Frank Colborn, we as an organization express our sorrow and pay tribute in commemoration of his valuable qualities, as a true brother and an honorable man, and

Whereas, In life his honor, his integrity, his honesty, his faithfulness in the performance of duty for his organization and fellowman was as sincere, deep and fervent as it was beautiful and lasting, and

Whereas, Our brother, who has fallen asleep and whose loving heart has ceased to beat, was charitable, generous and gentle, from whose lips the truth always sprung, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, in regular convention assembled, do bow in humble submission to the heavenly will, in the belief of his better and happier pleasures still to come.

Resolved, That our charter be draped for thirty days as a symbol of respect and that a copy of these resolutions be published in our official journal.

P. E. CULLINAN,  
J. L. COLLINS,  
A. E. JACKSON,  
Committee.

Resolutions adopted by Linemen's Local Union No. 9, I. B. E. W.:

Whereas, God, in his divine mercy, has been pleased to call from our midst our esteemed friend and brother, Harry Conway, and

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Whereas, Sorrow has thrown her sad mantle over his desolate home and friends, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we tender his grief-stricken wife and family our sincere condolence and our brotherly sympathies in the loss of a loving husband, kind father and faithful brother; and be it further

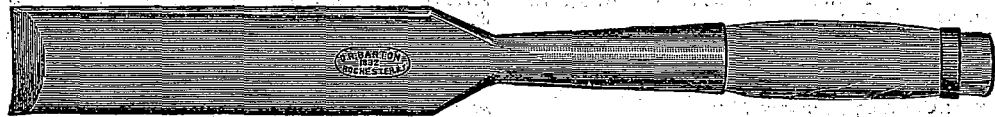
Resolved, That we, as associates with him in our organization, and realizing that words of condolence never yet brought peace to any one, consign his dear ones into the hands of their kind and loving Father in heaven. Trusting that he may pour forth upon their grieved hearts his tender and soothing love, and be it further

Resolved, That our charter be draped for a period of thirty days as a token of respect to our deceased brother, that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this local, a copy forwarded to the bereaved family of our deceased brother and a copy be published in our official journal, the Electrical Worker.

P. E. CULLINAN,  
J. L. COLLINS,  
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Committee.

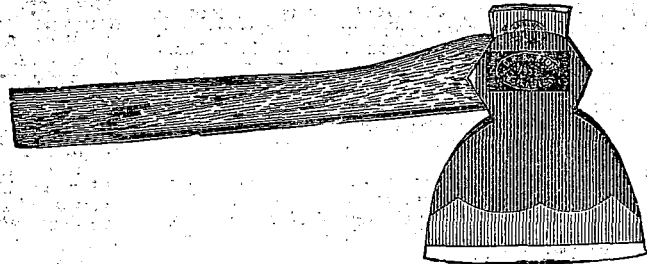
#### SPIES IN LABOR MEETINGS.

A dispatch from Dayton, O., says: In confirmation of suspicions held for some time local labor unions have discovered that spies have been at work in the city, having been in attendance at secret meetings in the interest of detective agencies, by which, it is claimed, they were employed. At a meeting held in Sander's hall three men were caught and forced to admit that they were spies. It was only through the fact that calm judgment prevailed that the strangers were not badly treated at once. Instead they were compelled to make a confession before the unionists, after which they were escorted to their homes by a special committee. It was feared that violence would be attempted against them. It is stated that the spies have turned over to the unions interested all their correspondence in consideration of their being let out without further trouble. Union men say that they have suspected the presence of outside parties for some time. They hope the force of the example will be felt, for it is not likely that other spies caught will be treated with such consideration.—Cleveland Citizen.

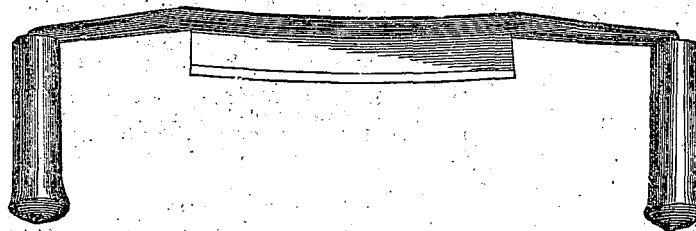


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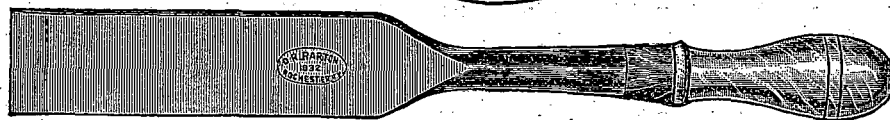


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Locals are composed of branches of the trade as per the following signs:

\*Mixed. †Linemen. ‡Insidemen. §Trimmers.  
||Cranemen. ¶Cable Splicers. °Switchboard Men.  
"Automobile Operators.

†No. 1, St. Louis, Mo.—Meets every Tuesday at Metal Trades Hall, 1310 Franklin ave. Pres., O. T. Sweet, 425½ A Evans ave.; R. S., C. G. Williamson, 3008 Lowton ave.; F. S., Harry Ellison, 5097 A Minerva ave.

†No. 2, St. Louis, Mo.—Meets every Thursday in Lightstone's Hall, 11th and Franklin ave. Pres., T. A. Warne, 4452 Garfield ave.; R. S., J. Glasstellers, 2225 S. 10th st.; F. S., Geo. Allen, 1833 Cart st.

†No. 3, New York, Inside Wiremen.—Every Thursday in Brevoort hall, 154 E. 54th st. Pres., D. H. Armstrong, 350 De Graw st., Brooklyn; R. S., G. W. Whitford, 218 E. 85th st.; F. S., M. R. Jarvis, 1663 Madison ave. Address all communications either to officer or organization to P. O. Box 21, Station D, New York.

†No. 4, New Orleans, La.—Meets 1st and 3d Wednesday evenings in P. O. S. A. Hall, Carondelet and Perdido sts. Pres., Mike Hoy, 1502 Berlin st.; R. S., R. A. Benson, 916 Union st.; F. S., P. Lamphier, 1902 St. Louis st.

\*No. 6, San Francisco, Cal.—Meets every Wednesday evening in Friendship Hall, Alcazar Bldg., 120 O'Farrell st. Pres., A. E. Yoell, 611 Stevenson st.; R. S., A. E. Drendel, 89 Brosnan st.; F. S., E. Smith, 626 Minna st.

\*No. 7, Springfield, Mass.—Meets every Wednesday in Room 306, Steam Power Bldg., 33 Lyman st. Pres., C. F. Sampson, 253 Lebanon st.; R. S., A. J. Holmes, 73 Main st.; F. S., D. B. Ah-green, 11 Court sq, Theatre Bldg.

\*No. 8, Toledo, O.—Meets every Monday at Friendship Hall, cor. Jefferson and Summit sts. Pres., F. L. Lucas, 2244 Union st.; R. S., L. J. Paratschek, 224 Park st.; F. S., H. J. Baker, 320 13th st.

†No. 9, Chicago, Ill.—Meets every Saturday at 83 Madison st., Hall 6. Pres., W. A. Jackson, Eng. Co.'s 16 31st and Dearborn sts.; R. S., Jas. L. Collins, 1151 West Madison st.; F. S., Joseph Driscoll, 77 Fuller st.

\*No. 10, Indianapolis, Ind.—Meets every Monday Morrison Hall, better known as Old Iron Hall. Pres., A. Huffmeyer, 720 E. New York st.; R. S., H. M. K'smer, 1310 E. 10th st.; F. S., T. H. Forbes, 3218 W. Michigan st.

\*No. 11, Waterbury, Ct.—Every Friday in Eng. Hall, G. A. R. Block, 43 East Main st., Room 10. Pres., John H. Sweeney, 10 Third st.; R. S., W. K. Eldridge, 208 S. Elm st.; F. S., P. J. Horgan, New st. and Johnson ave.

\*No. 12, Pueblo, Colo.—Meets 1st and 3d Sunday afternoons in City Hall, North Main st. Pres., R. G. Briant, Colo. Telephone Co., West D st.; R. S., J. W. White, 414 West 17th st.; F. S., E. O. Ringer, 20 Block Q.

\*No. 13, El Paso, Tex.—Every Monday in Phoenix Hotel, cor. Santa Fe and Overland sts. Pres., John Blake, El Paso Gas and Electric Light Co.; R. S., Ed Cory, Postal Tel. office; F. S., W. B. Carroll, Overland and Santa Fe sts.

†No. 14, Pittsburgh, Pa.—Meets every Monday in Elec. Workers' Hall, 320 4th ave. Pres., J. H. Boswell, 6388 Penn ave.; R. S., B. Davis, Hamilton Hotel; F. S., W. L. Thomas, 21 Rowley st.

\*No. 15, Jersey City, N. J.—Every Monday in Fehren's Hall, 168 Beacon ave., J. C. Hgts. Pres., E. Arrington, 347 8th st.; R. S., Wm. N. Miers, 518 Angelique st., W. Hoboken, N. J.; F. S., John Bartley, 325 Pavonia ave.

\*No. 16, Evansville, Ind.—1st and 4th Mondays in Germania Hall, 114 Up 4th st. Pres., Frank Neff, 7 Syscane st.; R. S., Dorris, 511 Upper 3d st.; F. S., H. P. Deshler, 222 Lower 5th st.

\*No. 17, Detroit, Mich.—Meets every Monday night at 32 Monroe ave. Pres., Geo. Burns, 468 Butternut st.; R. S., Dan Stevens, 281 Harrison ave.; F. S., F. Campbell, 180 Dubois st.

†No. 18, Kansas City, Mo.—Meets every Wednesday, 7:30 p. m., at Labor Headquarters, 9th and Central sts. Pres., Chas. H. Adams, 2901 Summit st.; R. S., N. Callahan, 906 E. 11th st.; F. S., C. E. Jackson, Lock Box 649.

\*No. 19, Atchison, Kan.—Meets every Tuesday at Electrical Workers Hall, 710 Main st. Pres., F. J. Roth, Atchison, Kan.; R. S., Hugo Walters, Atchison, Kan.; F. S., Ed. Wentworth, Jr.

†No. 20, New York City.—Meets every Tuesday night in Military Hall, 193 Bowery. Pres., C. A. Elmore, 1312 Garden st., Hoboken, N. J.; R. S., Edw. Boyle, 1312 Garden st., Hoboken, N. J.; F. S., D. B. Mostello, 306 12th st., Brooklyn.

†No. 21, Philadelphia, Pa.—Meets every Friday in Elks' Hall, 232 N. 9th st. Pres., D. R. Alcott, 2453 Leithgou st.; R. S., Cecil Thompson, 2148 N. Carlisle st.; F. S., Robt. Russell, 1840 Sigel st.

\*No. 22, Omaha, Neb.—Meets every Wednesday at Labor Temple, 17th & Douglas sts. Pres., J. F. Simpson, 3519 Farnam st.; R. S., L. G. Lowery, 2514 Cass st.; F. S., W. J. Wales, Box 555.

\*No. 23, St. Paul, Minn.—1st and 3d Mondays, Assembly hall, 3d and Wabasha. Pres., L. L. Dutton, 173 Sennese st.; R. S., Thos. Hynes, 86 Sherburne ave.; F. S., Chas. Stark, 472 Fuller st.

\*No. 24, Minneapolis, Minn.—Meets 2d and 4th Tuesdays at Alexander's Hall, 38 So. 6th st. Pres., J. J. Reynolds, 315 E. 18th st.; R. S., M. W. Sellar, 127 E. 25th st.; F. S., F. E. Lester, 318 So. 9th st.

\*No. 25, Terre Haute, Ind.—Meets every Thursday night at C. L. U. Hall, 628 Wabash ave. Pres., Harry Bledsoe, 527 So. 13th st.; R. S., W. W. McDonald, 681 Eagle st.; F. S., Lee Dickerson, 695 So. 13th st.

†No. 26, Washington, D. C.—Meets every Tuesday in K. of P. Hall, 7th and D st. N. W. Pres., John H. Hoffacker, 1007 N. Car. ave. S. E.; R. S., W. E. Kennedy, 1130 7th st. N. W.; F. S., George A. Malone, 48 L. st. N. W.

\*No. 27, Baltimore, Md.—Meets every Monday at Border State Bank Bldg, Park av and Fayette st. Pres., G. W. Spillman, 1103 W. Hamburg st.; R. S., W. A. Kemp, 232 N. Howard st.; F. S., J. A. Connelly, 1728 N. Bond st.

†No. 28, Baltimore, Md.—Meets every Thursday at Building Trades Hall, 6 South Gay st. Pres., William M. Reese, 2824 Parkwood ave.; R. S., John P. Jones, 1520 N. Mount st.; F. S., W. W. Davis, 620 W. Monroe st.

\*No. 29, Trenton, N. J.—Meets every Tuesday evening at Ribson Bldg., cor. Front and Broad sts., 4th floor, take elevator. Pres., H. J. Manley; R. S., George Croffatt, 1454 S. Clinton ave.; F. S., F. Jeffries.

\*No. 30, Cincinnati, O.—Meets every Wednesday in Jackson Hall, S. E. cor. 12th and Jackson sts. Pres., John H. Berkley, 20 E. 8th st., Newport, Ky.; R. S., Edgar E. Enghouser, Harris ave., Price Hill, Cin., O.; F. S., W. J. Willoughby, 11th and Brighton sts., Newport, Ky.

\*No. 31, Duluth, Minn.—Meets 1st and 3d Thursdays at Gaberlson's Hall, 21 E. Superior st. Pres., Chas. J. Rinn, 19 7th ave. W.; R. S., Clifford Higgins, 418 8th ave. W.; F. S., M. A. Hibbard, 1020 E. 4th st.

\*No. 32, Lima, O.—Meets 1st and 3d Tuesdays in Donze Hall, South Main st. Pres., C. H. Lee, 229 N. Union st.; R. S., W. C. Holmes, 110 Harrison ave.; F. S., Ed. Krause, 213 East Wayne st.

\*No. 33, New Castle, Pa.—Meets every other Monday night in the Clendenen Block, cor. Washington and Mercer sts. Pres., Fred Harrison, New Castle, Pa.; R. S., James B. Dygert, 178 Barbour pl., Croton, Pa.; F. S., John McCaskey, 19 S. Pine st.

\*No. 34, Peoria, Ill.—Meets 2d and 4th Mondays in Myer's Hall, 1313 South Adams st. Pres., J. W. Conger, 319 New st.; R. S., J. H. Brown, C. U. Tel. Co.; F. S., H. W. Durn, 41 Liberty st.

\*No. 35, Massillon, Ohio.—2d and 4th Mondays in Trades Assembly Hall, S. Erie and Tremont sts. Pres., John Arnold, 10 Euclid st.; R. S., H. L. Vogt, 193 Wel'man st.; F. S., A. Sharb, 382 West Tremont st.

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\*No. 36, Sacramento, Cal.—Every Wednesday in Federated Trades Hall, 1013 10th st. Pres., F. A. Holden, 915 19th st.; R. S., A. J. Francis, 711 H st.; F. S., John Williams, 429 N st.

\*No. 37, Hartford, Conn.—Meets every Friday at Central Labor Union Hall, 747 Main st. Pres., F. J. Sheehan, 86 North st., New Britain, Conn.; R. S., M. Collins; F. S., J. J. Tracy, 58 Temple st.

†No. 38, Cleveland, O.—Meets every Tuesday in Engineers' Hall, 120 Superior, between Water and Bank sts. Pres., D. O. Clark, 156 Oregon st.; R. S., E. B. Horne, 50 Outhwaite st.; F. S., Frank Estinghausen, 5 Superior pl.

†No. 39, Cleveland, O.—Every Thursday in Arch Hall, 393 Ontario st. Pres., J. F. Slattery, 28 Lake st.; R. S., Frank J. Sullivan, 24 Chatham st; F. S., A. W. McIntyre, 328 Waverly ave.

\*No. 40, St. Joseph, Mo.—Meets every Thursday night in Building Trades Council Hall, cor. 5th and Francis sts. Pres., Wm. Dorsel, 1710 Calhoun st.; R. S., J. C. Schneider, 808 South 5th st.; F. S., Alf. Imboden, City Power House.

†No. 41, Buffalo, N. Y.—Meets every Wednesday at Council Hall, Huron and Ellicott st. Pres., Clay Weeks, 646 Virginia st.; R. S., Jno. O'Connell, 614 Fargo ave.; F. S., H. M. Scott, 646 Virginia st.

\*No. 42, Utica, N. Y.—1st and 3rd Fridays in Labor temple, 18 Hotel st. Pres., J. Nelson; 64 Green st.; R. S., O. Keeler, 78 Broadway; F. S., Frank Brigham, 116 Dudley av.

†No. 43, Syracuse, N. Y., Inside Wiremen—Meet in Myers Hall cor. Montgomery and East Genesee sts., second and fourth Fridays. Pres., H. E. Yorker, 503 Hickory st.; R. S., F. H. Kinney, Box 416; F. S., F. H. Yorker, 216 Ash st.

†No. 44, Rochester, N. Y.—2d and 4th Thursdays in Englert Hall, cor. N. Water and Andrews sts. Pres., Ed. Marion, Home Telephone Co.; R. S., M. Warner, 18 Ford st; F. S., Wm. Carroll, 457 State st., Room 14.

†No. 45, Buffalo, N. Y.—2d and 4th Saturdays in Orient Hall, 13½ Swan st. Pres., Wm. Haley, 258 Pearl st.; R. S., Harry Langdon, 213 Grote st.; F. S., Martin Scanlon, 797 So. Division st.

†No. 46, Lowell, Mass.—Meets every Thursday evening in Engineers' Hall, Wyman's Ex. Bldg., Central and Merrimac sts. Pres., Geo. C. Smith, 19 Crowley st; R. S., John H. O'Connor, 121 Pleasant st; F. S., C. H. Kitterridge, 313 Westford st.

\*No. 47, Sioux City, Ia.—Pres. J. J. Sullivan, 1701 Center st.; R. S., C. H. Lingren, 814 West 4th st.; F. S., W. F. Truax, Union Elec. Co.

\*No. 48, Richmond, Va.—Meets 1st and 3rd Saturdays in Thon's Hall, 17th and Main sts. Pres., Douglas Eaton, 804 N. 26th st.; R. S., G. H. Wright; F. S., E. N. Halt, 106 South Laurel st.

‡No. 49, Chicago, Ill.—Meets every Second and Fourth Wednesday in Jung's Hall, 106 Randolph st. Pres., W. J. Callahan, 35 E. 16th st.; R. S., W. M. Hickey, 39 Seminary ave.; F. S., James Byrne, 4600 Lake ave.

\*No. 50, Belleville, Ill.—Meets every Monday in Electrical Workers' Hall, N. E. cor. Public Sq. Pres., Henry Christian, 103 E. Main st.; R. S., A. Bertshinger, 108 N. B st.; F. S., D. Mallinson, cor. A and Jackson sts.

\*No. 51, Reading, Pa.—John M. Moyer; R. S., W. S. Hoffman; F. S., Frank K. Brisan.

\*No. 53, Harrisburg, Pa.—Meets every Tuesday evening in hall on Myrtle ave., in rear of 257 N st. Pres., C. A. Swager, 622 Forster st.; R. S., R. E. Bleyer, 257 North st.; F. S., Carl A. E. Anderson, 46 Summit st.

\*No. 54, Columbus, O.—1st and 3d Wednesday evening at Helleman's Hall, 180½ E. Town st. Pres., W. R. Kneeland, 71½ N. High st.; R. S., A. T. Willey, 544 Avon court; F. S., Wm. Creviston, 265 E. Main st.

\*No. 55, Des Moines, Ia.—2d and 4th Thursdays in Trades and Labor Assembly Hall, 708 Locust st. Pres., L. M. Steadman, 108 Shaw st.; R. S., C. J. Keller, 1109 Walnut st.; F. S., Chas. Lafayette, 626 28th st.

\*No. 56, Erie, Pa.—Meets 3d and 5th Mondays in P. H. C. Hall, 7th and State sts. Pres., F. Moury, 314 W. 12th st.; R. S., Jas. J. Reid, 1309 Sas-safrass st.; F. S., E. H. Brooks, 333 W. 7th st.

\*No. 57, Salt Lake City, Utah—Meets every Tuesday in Federation of Labor Hall, 2d South Bk., Main and W. Temple sts. Pres., J. R. Blair, P. O. Box 402; R. S., C. J. Reading, 176 W. 3d North; F. S., J. F. Buckley, P. O. Box 402

\*No. 58, Niagara, Falls, N. Y.—1st and 3d Thursdays in Seiple's Hall, 829 Main st. Pres., Chas. N. Robinson, 509 3d st.; R. S., R. A. Rawson, 550 Main st.; F. S., Chas. P. Mingay, 303 Niagara st.

\*No. 59, Asheville, N. C.—Pres., C. W. Holinworth, 43 So. French Broad ave.; F. S., B. D. Lawrence, 43 So. French Broad ave.

\*No. 60, San Antonio, Tex.—Meets every Saturday in Trades Council Hall, Soledad sq. Pres., Martin Wright, 127 San Pedro ave.; R. S., Miss J. A. Miller, P. O. Box 955; F. S., John Thompson, P. O. Box 955.

\*No. 61, Los Angeles, Cal.—Meets every Thursday in United Council of Labor Hall, 112½ W. 3d st. Pres., S. L. Brose, 441 Coyton st.; R. S., Wm. C. Ross, 413 Temple st.; F. S., C. E. Smith 773 Ceres ave.

\*No. 62, Youngstown, O.—Meets 1st and 3d Tuesday nights in Finn Block, Soledad sq. Pres., G. A. Webster, North ave.; R. S., W. H. Griffith, Griffith st.; F. S., G. F. Hartman, 609 Covington st.

\*No. 63, Warren, Pa.—Meets 1st and 3d Wednesdays at D. O. H. Hall, cor. 2d and Liberty sts. Pres., Chas Wright, Buchanan st; R. S., C. S. Burkett, 413 E Water st; F. S., N. H. Spencer, Rogers Bk

\*No. 64, Schenectady, N. Y.—Pres., W. M. Phillips; R. S., J. Cormick; F. S., J. C. Cheney, 341 Summit ave.

\*No. 65, Butte, Mont.—Meets 2d and 4th Tuesdays in Engineers' hall, Owsley bldg. Pres., Jas. E. Davidson, 722 Colorado st.; R. S. & F. S., W. C. Medhurst, P. O. Box 846.

\*No. 66, Houston, Tex.—Meets 1st and 3d Monday nights and 2d and 4th Sunday evenings in Odd Fellows' Hall, Mason Bk., Main and Rush sts. Pres., Geo. Sehorn, Myrtle and Fletcher sts.; R. S., B. J. Still, 1915 Texas ave.; F. S., C. E. Boston, 1406 Congress ave.

\*No. 67, Quincy, Ill.—Meets 2d and 4th Thursdays at Trades Assembly hall, 111½ S 5th st. Pres., — Hull; R. S., J. H. Nessler, 527 N. 10th st.; F. S., C. H. McNemee, 511 S 7th st.

†No. 68, Denver, Col.—Every Monday in room 613 Charles blk, 15th and Curtis. Pres., H. S. Sherman; R. S., W. H. Anderson; F. S., W. S. Earhart, 1045 W. 7th ave.

\*No. 69, Dallas, Tex.—Meets every Wednesday night at Labor Temple, 336 Main st. Pres., E. A. White, 293 Main st.; R. S., J. W. Wilkerson, 293 Main st.; F. S., E. S. Giles, 186 Ross ave.

\*No. 70, Cripple Creek, Col.—Meets every Wednesday in Elect. Workers' Hall, Fairley & Lampman Bk. Pres., Ed. Werner, 339 West Eaton ave.; R. S., Charles M. Kellogg, Box 684; F. S., F. C. Burford, Box 684.

\*No. 71, Quebec, Prov. of Que.—15th and last of month in President's Hall, 1 Boulevard Lange-liee; Pres., O. E. Legare, 1 Boulevard Langelier; R. S., Elzear L'Heureux, 82 Cote St. Georges; F. S., J. J. Fleming, 52 King st.

\*No. 72, Waco, Tex.—Meets second and fourth Wednesday nights at McAbee Hall, 6th and Austin sts. Pres., C. C. Dixon, 514 S. 4th st.; R. S., Vici Berry, Hermerson, Tex.; F. S., J. E. Caple, 1018 N. 6th st.

\*No. 73, Spokane, Wash.—2d and 4th Fridays in Eddy Hall, N. Monroe st. Pres., Eli Hensley, 218 Riverside st.; R. S., Robt. McClinchey, Norden Hotel; F. S., W. A. Davis, 0715 Jefferson st.

\*No. 74, Winona, Minn.—2d and 4th Tuesdays in office of Supt. of Fire Alarms, City Bldg., Lafayette st. Pres., Sam Atmore, 463 Dakota st.; R. S., J. P. Fromm, 163 Vine st.; F. S., H. B. Kline, 510 Olmstead st.

\*No. 75, Grand Rapids, Mich.—2d & 4th Wednesdays in C. L. U. hall, 34 Canal st. Pres., J. D. Hicks, 157 Turner st.; R. S., J. W. Maskell, 95 La-grave st.; F. S., C. E. Post, 88 Sibley st.



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\*No. 76, Tacoma, Wash.—1st and 2d Tuesdays in Foresters' hall, 11th st and Pacific av. Pres., J. E. Willis; R. S., C. E. Soul; F. S., C. L. Whitley, 920 A st.

\*No. 77, Seattle, Wash.—Every Monday in Odd Fellows' Hall, 2318 First ave. Pres., S. H. Metcalf, Barker Hotel, 1207 1st ave.; R. S., Dan'l Sullivan, 315 Columbia st.; F. S., Geo. W. Walters, 702 Valley st.

\*No. 78, Chicago, Ill.—2d and 4th Friday in Fitzgerald's hall, cor Halsted and Adams sts. Pres., G. W. Levin, 1551 Carroll av; R. S., Wm. T. Tonner, 1479 W. Ohio st; F. S., George H. Foltz, 423 Jackson Bldg.

\*No. 79, Syracuse, N. Y.—1st and 4th Thursdays in Listman's Hall, 122 N. Salina st. Pres., Daniel Cambridge, 306 Harrison st.; R. S., J. P. Hayes, 1713 W. Genesee st.; F. S., V. S. Whitney, W. Onondaga st.

\*No. 80, Norfolk, Va.—Every Friday at 268 Main st., 3d floor, over Vickery's Cigar Store. Pres., A. L. Winn, So. Bell Co.; R. S., R. J. Gourley, P. O. Box 232; F. S., J. A. Kiley, P. O. Box 232.

\*No. 81, Scranton, Pa.—2d and 4th Thursdays in K. of Malta Hall, 316 Washington ave. Pres., H. V. Stock, 405 Wyoming ave.; R. S., Wm. T. Sproats, 213 N. Bromley ave.; F. S., E. B. Archibald, 1112 Lafayette st.

\*No. 82, Binghamton, N. Y.—Meets 1st and 3d Saturdays, C. L. U. hall, State st. Pres., G. Milks, 78 DeRussey st; R. S., L. W. Thompson, 63 St. John's ave.; F. S., Art E. Seymour, 1 Sturgess st.

\*No. 83, Milwaukee, Wis.—Every Wednesday, cor 3d and Prairie sts. Pres., Nick Daleiden, 839 36th st.; R. S., J. D. Mack, 622 Market st.; F. S., O. Walloth, 567 Clinton st.

\*No. 84, Atlanta, Ga.—Meets every Thursday 7:30 p. m. in Fed of Trades hall, 14½ N. Forsyth st. Pres., W. R. Johnson, 112 Kirkwood ave.; R. S., C. F. McBriord, So. Bell Tel. & Tel. Co.; F. S., B. L. Martin, 322 W. 5th st.

\*No. 85, Augusta, Ga.—1st and 3d Sundays in Kidwell Hall, 15th st and May ave. Pres., H. E. Edenfield, 915 15th st.; R. S., Jack Miner, 1131 Miller st.; F. S., G. W. Taylor, 1144 Broad st.

\*No. 86, Rochester, N. Y.—2d and 4th Tuesdays in room 24, Durand bldg., 58 W. Main st. Pres., A. Ferguson, 215 Glenwood ave.; R. S., Harvey Smith, 132 Wellington ave.; F. S., W. Z. Dalgely, 8 Third st.

\*No. 87, Newark, N. J.—Every Friday at 37 Market st. Pres., M. J. Breslin, 58 Center st., Orange, N. J.; R. S., Wm. McDonough, 22 Washington st., Belleville, N. J.; F. S., J. Snyder, 100 Bank st.

\*No. 88, Savannah, Ga.—1st and 3d Tuesdays in Elks' Hall, Broughton and Whitaker sts. Pres., W. D. Claborne, 424 State st. east; R. S., R. P. Jones, Box 316; F. S., H. H. Hamilton, 314 Hull st. W. Address all Local 88 mail to P. O. Box 316.

\*No. 89, Akron, O.—1st and 3d Wednesdays in Schroeder's Hall, 132 S. Howard st. Pres., O. Schreck, 132 S. Howard st.; R. S., Geo. Swarts, 400 S. High st.; F. S., F. F. Loomis, 111 Viaduct.

\*No. 90, New Haven, Ct.—Meets every Saturday in Forester's Hall, 781 Chapel st. Pres., F. J. Horan, 247 Lombard st.; R. S., C. J. Haggerty, 40 Franklin st.; F. S., W. J. Dobbs, 14 Washington ave.

\*No. 91, Easton, Pa.—1st and 3d Sunday afternoons in Jr. O. U. A. M. M. hall, cor. 7th and Northampton sts. Pres., Patrick Lee, S. 5th st.; R. S., Geo. Van Billiard, 915 Spruce st.; F. S., Edwin Welch, 123 South 4th st.

\*No. 92, Hornellsville, N. Y.—F. S., B. F. Watt, 17 James st.

\*No. 93, Ottawa, Ont.—2d and 3d Thursdays in C. O. F. Hall, Sessux st. Pres., Wm. Roy, Hull, Que.; R. S., S. R. McDonald, 193 Broad st.; F. S., E. Demers, 75 St Andrews st.

\*No. 94, Holyoke, Mass.—Meets every Monday in Marble Hall, High st., cor. Dwight. Pres., F. B. Lombard, with K. T. Oakes & Co.; R. S., C. Mixner, Canal st.; F. S., R. J. Dixon, N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.

\*No. 95, Joplin, Mo.—Every Tuesday in Labor Union hall, 2d and Main sts. Pres., H. D. Ferguson; R. S., Chas. Nelson; F. S., Jas. Foster, 723 Virginia ave.

\*No. 96, Worcester, Mass.—Meets every Monday evening in room 19, 387 Main street. Pres., S. A. Strout, 72 Russell st; R. S., F. G. Newell, 36 Pleasant st; F. S., Geo. L. Call, 176 Pleasant st.

\*No. 97, Mt. Vernon, O.—Pres., J. P. Belt, 609 W. Gambier st.; F. S., J. C. Jacobs.

\*No. 98, Philadelphia Pa.—Every Tuesday in Odd Fellows' Temple, Room E. Broad and Cherry sts. Pres., Louis F. Spence, 1538 Manton st; R. S., C. W. Elliott, 2320 VanPelt st; F. S., Wm. A. J. Guscott, 121 N. 58th st.

\*No. 99, Providence, R. I.—Meets 1st and 3d Mondays in Odd Fellows' Hall, 27 N. Main st. Pres., John Monuto, 23 Lafayette st., Pawtucket, R. I.; R. S., Jay Anderson, 106 Elm st.; F. S., H. C. Riley, 179 Harrison st., Pawtucket, R. I.

\*No. 100, Jacksonville, Fla.—Pres., Geo. P. Allen, Jacksonville Tel. Co.; F. S., S. B. Kitchen, Johnson Law Co.

\*No. 101, Brockton, Mass.—Every 2d and 4th Friday in Cutters' Hall, Main st. Pres., John McNeil, 35 Ward st.; R. S., William G. Schneider, Lock Box 450, North Abington, Mass.; F. S., A. H. Camron, 38 Joslyn's court.

\*No. 102, Paterson, N. J.—Meets 1st and 3d Tuesday in Loomfixers' and Twisters' Hall, Church and Market sts. Pres., E. J. Clancy, 453 11th ave.; R. S., Frank H. Holmes, Box 5, Lodi, N. J.; F. S., Jno. Eldridge, 348 Grand st.

\*No. 103, Boston, Mass.—Every Wednesday in St. Andrews Hall, Wells Memorial Bldg. Pres., Wm. J. Joyce, 78 E. Canton st.; R. S., J. J. McLaughlin, 213 Manerick st. E. Boston; F. S., Ernest H. Chase, 19 Allston sq. Allston.

\*No. 104, Boston, Mass.—Every Wednesday in Machinists' hall, 987 Washington st. Pres., J. A. McInnis, 97 Pine st., Cambridge, Mass.; F. S., D. J. Burnett, 280 E st.

\*No. 105, Hamilton, Ont.—2d and 4th Thursdays in Trades and Labor Hall, 17 Main st. east. Pres., B. Bristol, 169 Jackson st. East; R. S., Alex McBean, 18 Kennell st; F. S., A. Green, 252 Mary st.

\*No. 106, Jamestown, N. Y.—2d and 4th Thursdays in Central Labor hall, 14-16 East 3d st. Pres., J. W. Woodburn, Lakewood, N. Y.; R. S., K. W. Spencer, 214 Fulton st.; F. S., A. H. Sheean, 213 Fulton st.

\*No. 107, Louisville, Ky.—Meets 1st and 3d Thursdays in Reeb's Union Hall, 516 5th st. Pres., Ed. Grunwald, 2721 Bank st.; R. S., Horace B. Kincaid, 1413 15th st.; F. S., Wm. H. Smith, 813 Jackson st.

\*No. 108, Tampa, Fla.—1st and 3d Saturdays in I. O. O. F. Hall, Easley Bldg., Franklin st. Pres., J. L. Brown, Lafayette st.; R. S., J. F. Vaughan, 904 Swigg st.; F. S., W. R. Clarke, 1907 Nebraska ave.

\*No. 109, Rock Island, Ill.—1st and 3d Tuesdays in Industrial Home Bldg., 3d Ave and 21st st. Pres., S. H. Lenney, care People's Power Co.; R. S., Theo. Burquist, care C. U. Tel. Co., Moline; F. S., Martin McNealy, 108 West 17th st.

\*No. 110, Pensacola, Fla.—1st and 3rd Wednesdays, Trades Council hall, 23 W. Government st. Pres., P. R. Pearl, Gen'l Delivery; R. S., A. L. Stanley, care of "News"; F. S., A. Hearn, So. Tel. & Tel. Co.

\*No. 111, Honolulu, Hawaii—Pres., Chas. McManus, care of Honolulu Elec. Ltg. Co.; R. S., R. E. Frickey; F. S., W. McChesney.

\*No. 112, Watertown, N. Y.—Every Tuesday in Doolittle & Hall Bldg., Room 12. Pres., E. Hazel, 20 Binose st.; R. S., H. A. McCaugherty, 1 A Park st.; F. S., R. M. Richardson, 17 Mechanic st.

\*No. 113, Colorado Springs, Colo.—Meets every Thursday, Lather's Hall, cor. Huerland and Tejon. Pres., W. H. Ralston, 118 E. Rio Grand; R. S., H. T. Paschal, KuKui st.; F. S., D. C. Walsh, 512 So. Cascade ave.



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\*No. 114, Toronto, Can.—Meets 2d and 4th Fridays in Richmond hall, Richmond st. W. Pres., John A. Pollock, 33 Baldwin st.; R. S., Geo. H. L. Robinson, 226 Brunswick ave.; F. S., Geo. H. Par-geter, 66 Lansdowne ave.

\*No. 115, Austin, Tex.—Meets 2d and 4th Saturdays in Carpenter's Union Hall, over 706 Cong. ave. Pres., T. E. Mason, 709 Cong. ave.; R. S., B. F. McKaughan, 1504 Sabine st.; F. S., B. F. McDonald, 200 E. 16th st.

†No. 116, Los Angeles, Cal.—Pres., H. R. Dun-lap, 1106 W. Jefferson st.; R. S., H. V. Eaton, 1106 W. Jefferson st.; F. S., J. F. McCorkle, 263 N. ave. 21.

\*No. 117, Temple, Tex.—Pres., H. H. Allen, Lock Box 335; R. S., A. E. Hancock, 506 S. 11th st.; F. S., H. S. Newland, 515 W. Central ave.

\*No. 118, Dayton, O.—2d and 4th Mondays in Gorman Hall, Jefferson st., near 5th. Pres., J. W. Hott, 2 Stanley st.; R. S., O. R. Rodgers, 245 Conover st.; F. S., V. Chamberlin, 1537 W. 5th st.

†No. 119, New Bedford, Mass.—Pres., C. Mc-Leod, R. S., A. Gothers; F. S., N. H. Davis, 262 Arnold st.

\*No. 120, London, Ont.—Meets 1st and 3d Fri-days in Labor Hall, cor. Dufferin ave. and Maitland st. Pres., Wm. Cook, 38 Miles st.; R. S., D. L. Marshall, 758 Richmond st.; F. S., Augustin Aljo-vin, 62 Dundas st.

†No. 121, Denver, Col.—Every Thursday at 1449 Laramee st. Pres., A. McMullen, 2921 Curtis st.; R. S., G. E. Ingersoll, 1640 Blake st.; F. S., B. B. Flack, cor. 34th and Franklin sts., R. 17

\*No. 122, Great Falls, Mont.—Meets 1st and 3d Thursdays in Union Hall. Pres., L. E. Woodworth, 1402 5th ave. N.; R. S., and F. S., M. Potee, 610 2d Ave. S.

\*No. 123, Wilmington, N. C.—Pres., C. B. Burk-heimer, So. Bell Tel. Co.; F. S., John T. Yates, 6th and Castle sts.

\*No. 124, Galveston, Tex.—Meets 2d and 4th Fridays in Cooks' and Waiters' Hall, 23d st., bet. Market and Mechain sts. Pres., G. L. Garrett, 909 21st st.; R. S., Wm. Klaus, 3801 Ave. K; F. S., D. H. Morris, 2019 Ave. K.

\*No. 125, Portland, Ore.—Every Tuesday in Eagle's Hall, 2d Yamhill. Pres., E. H. Parker, 105 North 12th st.; R. S., H. A. Circle, 771 Gleason st.; F. S., Aug. Flemming, 211 Harrison st.

\*No. 126, Little Rock, Ark.—Meets 1st and 3d Tuesdays in Labor Temple, cor. Main and Mark-ham sts. Pres., A. D. McConnell, Elec. Construc-tion Co.; R. S., C. M. Milham, 518 La. st.; F. S., R. L. Crutchfield, care L. R. Tel. Co.

\*No. 127, Battle Creek, Mich.—Every Friday in Labor Hall. Pres., A. G. Bowers, Room 210, Post Bldg.; R. S., Fred Fellows, Battle Creek Elect. Lt. Co.; F. S., Don Cole, Citizens Elect. Co.

\*No. 128, Alton, Ill.—Meets every Monday in Miller's Hall, Second and Piasa sts. Pres., Edgar Rice, Second and Albany sts.; R. S. and F. S., Geo. E. Burton, Second and Albany sts.

\*No. 129, St. Joseph, Mo.—Meets every Satur-day at 215½ So. 6th st., Room 5, 2d floor. Pres., R. C. Hughes, Columbian Elect. Co.; R. S., Fred Mil-ler, 215½ So. 6th st.; F. S., E. McComac, 217 So. 6th st.

†No. 130, New Orleans, La.—Meets 2d and 4th Wednesdays in P. O. S. A. Hall, Carondelet st., near Perdido. Pres., Thomas G. Ziegler, 723 Dry-ades st.; R. S., L. V. Lindsey, 1003 Elysian Field ave; F. S., Wm. Graner, Baronne and Felicity sts.

\*No. 131, Columbia, S. C.—Every Wednesday night in K. P. Hall. Pres., P. G. Loomis, Congaree Hotel. R. S., J. N. Chambers, 923 Gervais st.; F. S., D. Camp, 1015 Lady st.

\*No. 132, Schenectady, N. Y.—Meets 1st and 3d Fridays in Trades Assembly Hall, 269 State st. Pres., G. Preston; R. S., W. S. Kline, 1129 State st.; F. S., C. A. Knight, 208 Clinton st.

†No. 133, Detroit, Mich.—Meets every Wednes-day night at 252 Beaubien st. Pres., F. A. Walton, 1357 18th st.; R. S., J. A. Sherratt, 295 W. Canfield ave.; F. S., H. D. Chapman, 521 Champlain st.

†No. 134, Chicago, Ill.—Meets every Tuesday night at 126 E. Washington st. Pres., W. H. Young, 120 Park ave.; R. S., F. J. Burch, 228 So. Wood st.; F. S., W. Cleff, 319 Lincoln ave.

\*No. 135, Trenton, N. J.—Meets every Monday in Morris May Bldg., S. W. cor. Broad and State sts. Pres., John M. Clary, cor. Dey and Clinton ave.; R. S., Wilbur Dorsett, 26 Cumberland ave.; F. S., J. H. Brister, 50 Fountain ave.

\*No. 136, Birmingham, Ala.—Meets every Tuesday in Dunker's Hall, 208 and 210 N. 20th st. Pres., John S. Lewis, Box 54; R. S., J. A. Poe, Osceola House; F. S., E. A. Woodworth, Osceola House.

†No. 137, Albany, N. Y.—Every Sunday, 1 p. m., Labor Temple, Pearl and Beaver sts. Pres., Ed-ward J. Landy, 80 Trinity pl.; R. S., M. E. Mc-Graw, 10 Lodge st.; F. S., L. Cummings, 81 Frank-lin st.

\*No. 138, Ft. Wayne, Ind.—Meets every Thurs-day, Berry st., 3d floor. Pres., H. C. Eckels, 55 Riverside ave.; R. S., H. E. Wineland, 56 Wagner st.; F. S., C. O. Lothouse, 4 E. 5th st.

\*No. 139, Elmira, N. Y.—Pres., H. D. Pitcher, 505 Baldwin st.; R. S., A. Thompson, 204 High st.

\*No. 140, Lansing, Mich.—1st and 3d Mondays in Trade and Labor Hall; Washington ave. north. Pres., D. F. Morey, City Lighting Plant; R. S., H. R. Sipe, 613 Cedar st. north; F. S. and Bus. Agt., W. G. Cochrane, 213 South Grand st.

\*No. 141, Pittsburg, Kan.—1st and 3d Thurs-days in Schieferbines Hall, cor. 6th st. and Broad-way. Pres., T. F. Cole; R. S., Paul Mattingly, Lock Box No. 20; F. S., Ed. Emery, 1202 N. Joplin ave.

\*No. 142, Wheeling, W. Va.—Every Sunday afternoon in Hartman's Hall, 23d and Market sts. Pres., Wm. R. Walker, 170 16th st.; R. S., Isaiah Tuttle, 80 Main st.; F. S., Edward Johnston, 3207 Chapline st.

\*No. 143, Conneaut, O.—1st and 4th Mondays in Harrington Hall, State and Chestnut sts. Pres., O. O. Randall; R. S., James Moore; F. S., Mott Hill, 356 Monroe st.

\*No. 144, Wichita, Kan.—Meets every Tuesday night at 255 N. Main st. Pres., C. W. Stimson, 230 N. Main st.; R. S., H. M. Smith, 539 N. Water st.; F. S., T. L. Roberts, 450 N. Hydraulic ave.

\*No. 145, Saginaw, Mich.—Every Wednesday in Engineers' Hall, Washington and Franklin aves., on Genesee ave., 3d floor. Pres., F. H. Fri-ant, 405 Genesee ave.; R. S., John Strachan, 1619 Johnson st.; F. S., Joseph Irwin, Marshall House.

\*No. 146, Bridgeport, Conn.—Every Friday in Sons of Veterans' Hall, 955 Main st. Pres., John Holtz, 528 Noble ave.; R. S., E. M. Botsford, 106 Hicks st.; F. S., J. F. Pelan, 172 Laurel ave.

\*No. 147, Anderson, Ind.—2d and 4th Fridays in Cook's Hall, Main and 12th sts. Pres., H. B. Cecil, 1303 Meridian st.; R. S., F. W. Eckert, Gen. Delivery; F. S., B. Markle, 119 W. Monroe st., Alexandria, Ind.

†No. 148, Washington, D. C.—Every Monday in K. of P. Hall, 425 12th st. N. W. Pres., O. E. Lewis, 807 8th st. N. W.; R. S., I. H. Ware, 65 New York ave. N. E.; F. S., M. E. Brandenburg, 517 11th st. S. W.

\*No. 149, Aurora, Ill.—Wednesdays following 1st and 15th of month, in Loser's Hall, N. River st. Pres., John Glennon, Box 37; R. S., John Roop, 546 Lafayette st.; F. S., J. E. Millhouse, 23 N. Broad-way.

\*No. 150, Bay City, Mich.—2d and 4th Tuesday, in A. O. U. W. Hall, cor. Center and Adams sts. Pres., Chas. Crampton, 309 Eleven st.; R. S., W. D. Parker, Essexville, Bay Co., Mich.; F. S., J. M. Ferguson, 614 Adams st.

†No. 151, San Francisco, Cal.—Every Monday, Hall 10, 102 O'Farrell, near Stockton st. Pres., A. C. Johnson, 736 O'Farrell st.; R. S., C. L. Atwater, 20 Lexington ave., near 18th st.; F. S., P. Mc-Swegan, 96½ Devisadero.

\*No. 152, Ft. Scott, Kan.—1st and 3d Tuesdays in G. A. R. Hall, Main st., bet. 1st and 2d sts. Pres., Chas. Finch, Lockwood Hotel; R. S., C. E. Kitchen, Gen. Delivery; F. S., Jas. Runkle, 501 N. National ave.

\*No. 153, Galveston, Tex.—1st and 3d Mondays, Carpenters' Hall, 21st and Market sts. Pres., F. A. Bauscus, 1423 M st.; R. S., F. Peters, 1617 H st.; F. S., F. A. Bauscus, 423 Ave. M.

\*No. 154, Cleveland, O.—1st and 3d Fridays in O'Donnell's Hall, 89-91 Prospect st. Pres., Martin Durkin, 328 Waverly ave.; R. S., Wm. Rielley, 11 Sibley st.; F. S., Chas. Ruttie, 25 Norwich st.

\*No. 155, Troy, N. Y.

\*No. 156, Ft. Worth, Tex.—1st and 3d Wednesdays in Board of Trade Hall, cor. 7th and Houston sts. Pres., Martin Doscher, Malcolm and Percey sts.; R. S., O. S. Haw, 205 E. Bluff st.; F. S., C. F. Crabtree, 703 Samuels ave.

\*No. 157, Greater New York.—R. S., L. Hoils, 777 Allon ave.

\*No. 158, Chicago, Ill.—Pres., Thomas A. Schwig; R. S., H. A. Bestop, 1429 Michigan ave., Flat F; F. S., C. D. Brock.

\*No. 159, Madison, Wis.—1st Saturday and 3d Monday in Labor Hall, State st. Pres., Jesse Rubey; R. S., H. W. Schroeder, 448 W. Wash. ave.; F. S., Hiram Nelson, 9 S. Broom st.

\*No. 160, Zanesville, O.—Meets 2d and 4th Mondays in Union Hall, N. W. cor. Main and 7th sts., 3d floor. Pres., John M. Smith; R. S., W. M. Shouse; F. S., J. T. Hanrahan, 443 Ridge ave.

\*No. 162, Omaha, Neb.—Every Tuesday night in Lincoln Hall, 6th and Pierce sts. Pres., S. A. Birkhaus, 422 South 18th st.; R. S., W. N. Ramey, 2019 Leavenworth st.; F. S., F. Johnans, 422 S. 18th st.

\*No. 163, Wilkesbarre, Pa.—Pres., Chas. Wiggins, 333 South st.; R. S., H. Krum, 15 W. Holland st.; F. S., Jas. Wallon.

\*No. 165, Newport News, Va.—Meets every other Tuesday evening in Patterson Bldg., cor. 32d street and Washington ave. Pres., T. T. Adkins, 554 29th st.; R. S., R. A. Jordon, 1037 23d st.; F. S., J. M. Richardson, 210 34th st.

\*No. 166, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Can.—Pres., W. Girard, 114 Hallett st.; R. S., J. W. Stewart, 524 Dufferin ave.; F. S., T. Woodman, 582 Pacific st.

\*No. 167, Bowling Green, Ohio.—Pres., Otis Mollencup; R. S., F. E. Morris; F. J., John Brown.

\*No. 168, Mobile, Ala.—Every Tuesday in Cathedral Hall, Conti st., bet. Jackson and Clairborn. Pres., J. C. Cutts, per Bell Tel. Co.; R. S., Felix Meloncon, 304 Palmetto st.; F. S., R. A. Savage, 758 Augusta st.

\*No. 169, Fresno, Cal.—F. S., R. H. Stanford, 615 K st.

\*No. 170, Findlay, Ohio.—Pres., J. White; R. S., D. McKay; F. S., H. F. Sutherland, Home Telephone Co.

\*No. 171, Ypsilanti, Mich.—Meets 1st and 3d Thursdays in K. of P. Hall, 204 Congress st. Pres., H. L. Hunt, 217 S. Adams st.; R. S., R. L. Fraser, 614 W. Congress st.; F. S., R. E. Darling, 212 N. Hamilton st.

\*No. 172, Newark, Ohio.—Pres., Lee Beagle, 28 Jefferson st.; R. S., W. Horn, 357 Stanbury st.; F. S., J. C. Stewart, Citizens' Light & Power Co.

\*No. 173, Ottumwa, Ia.—Pres., S. D. Anderson; F. S., H. M. Murry, 334 2d st.

\*No. 174, Mansfield, O.—F. S., H. L. Barr, 535 N. Bowman st.

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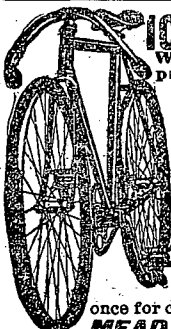
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